

# **TOWN OF WESTPORT ANNUAL REPORTS**

**2007**



## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN & OTHER BOARDS OF OFFICERS**

Including a Statement of the  
Receipts and Expenditures  
for the Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 2007

# IN MEMORIAM

THIS TOWN REPORT IS DEDICATED TO THE  
FOLLOWING PERSONS WHO SERVED THE TOWN OF WESTPORT  
AND PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR 2007

**DONALD BERNIER**  
Conservation Commission

**GAIL E. BOUDRIA**  
Senior Library Clerk

**JENNY CARLSON**  
School Teacher

**GRACE A. DeANDRADE**  
Public Health Nurse

**VIRGINIA EDGCOMB**  
Historical Commission

**JOAN FULLER**  
School Department Executive Secretary

**MARY GRAHAM**  
Library Aide

**JANICE MAE GIBBS**  
Westport Housing Authority

**NORMAN C. GIFFORD**  
Board of Health  
Tree Warden

**FRANCES KIRKALDY**  
Library Trustee

**CARLTON A. LEES**  
Board of Selectmen  
Town Counsel  
Town Moderator

**JOSEPH R. NICOLAU**  
School Department Custodian

**ALBERT "AB" PALMER**  
Shellfish Constable  
Reserve Police Officer  
Harbormaster  
Conservation Agent  
Fence Viewer

**ROBERT R. ROUTHIER**  
Volunteer Firefighter

**JANICE L. ROY**  
School Department Cafeteria Worker

**ROGER A. SANFORD**  
Reserve Police Officer

**EDGAR TOWNE, JR.**  
Personnel Board

**MILDRED E. WALLBANK**  
Precinct Worker

**JAMES J. WALSH, SR.**  
Library Trustee  
School Committee

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT**

**JOHN “JACK” BAUGHAN**

Finance Committee  
7/1/92 – 6/30/07

**GARY M. FOLEY**

Police Officer  
4/28/87 – 8/11/07

**TIMOTHY GILLESPIE**

Planning Board  
3/9/92 – 4/9/07

**DEBORAH LEE**

Library Trustee  
4/14/97 – 4/9/07

**MICHAEL C. McCARTHY**

Emergency Management Director  
7/1/82 – 7/23/07

**CYNTHIA MELLO**

Principal Clerk Treasurer's Office 7/5/94 – 6/30/01  
Assistant Treasurer 7/1/01 – 8/10/07

**MARK ROSINHA**

Reserve Police Officer  
7/1/93 – 6/30/07

**CHARLENE R. WOOD**

Senior Clerk to Board of Selectmen & Building Department 10/27/80 – 6/30/83  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen 7/1/83 – 2/8/04  
Town Administrator 2/9/04 – 6/30/07

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS  
OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE WESTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**DAVID ALLEN**

Teacher

5/27/75 – 6/30/07

**DEBORAH DZIEDZIC**

Administrative Executive Secretary

5/8/95 – 6/30/07

**MARY FRANCE**

Teacher

11/1/71 – 6/30/07

**SANDRA HAGUE**

Teacher

9/1/72 – 6/30/07

**ELAINE MARSHALL**

Paraprofessional

5/28/86 – 1/5/07

**CONSTANCE STRAUSS**

Teacher

8/31/87 – 6/30/07

**JOEL SULLIVAN**

Teacher

8/5/74 – 8/15/07

**PAULA SULLIVAN**

Principal

11/1/94 – 8/15/07

## **A TRIBUTE**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DEDICATED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT**

### **BRENDA BURKE**

Housing Partnership Committee  
7/1/02 – 6/30/07

### **SUSAN OLIVEIRA**

Outreach Worker 8/2/00 – 3/27/04  
Council on Aging Director 3/28/04 – 12/31/07

Former Selectmen Russell T. Hart, Charles A. Costa & Claude A. Ledoux (left – right) at  
Ceremony Dedicating Benchmark Located at Town Hall in Honor of Mr. Costa

# **A TRIBUTE**

**TO THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE DEDICATED AT LEAST FIVE YEARS  
OF SERVICE TO THE WESTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**PATRICIA ANDREOZZI**

Computer Technician  
7/9/01 – 7/13/07

**SHARLENE BOTELHO**

Certified Nurse's Assistant  
9/4/01 – 3/9/07

**MARJORIE ROWE**

Teacher  
8/29/02 – 7/5/07

**SARAH SYLVAIN**

Teacher  
9/4/01 – 8/20/07

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Town Farm  
(left – right) Wesley Ward, Trustees of the Reservation, Paul Schmid, Town Farm Committee  
& Selectmen Gary Mauk, Robert Rebello & Steven Ouellette

# ABOUT WESTPORT

**SETTLED:** 1670 - Incorporated July 2, 1787  
220 years old in 2007

**COUNTY:** Bristol

**POPULATION:**

1950 -	4,987
1960 -	7,185
1970 -	9,313
1980 -	13,604
1990 -	13,241
2000 -	14,206
2007 -	15,080

**AREA:** 61 Square Miles - 33,900 acres (Road Mileage - approximately  
140 miles of accepted street, not including Routes 6, 88 & 177)

**HIGHEST ELEVATION  
ABOVE SEA LEVEL:** 240 Feet

**TAX RATE:**

Fiscal Year 2008	\$ 5.56
Fiscal Year 2007	\$ 5.25
Fiscal Year 2006	\$ 5.33
Fiscal Year 2005	\$ 6.14
Fiscal Year 2004	\$ 8.07
Fiscal Year 2003	\$ 8.25
Fiscal Year 2002	\$ 10.20
Fiscal Year 2001	\$ 9.33
Fiscal Year 2000	\$ 10.12

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT:** Open Town Meeting - Annual Meeting 1st Tuesday in May  
Board Of Selectmen/Town Administrator

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION:** 2nd Tuesday in April

**HOSPITALS NEARBY:** Charlton Memorial & St. Anne's in Fall River  
St. Luke's in New Bedford

**HUMAN SERVICES:** Council on Aging  
Veterans Services

**HEALTH:** Part-Time Community Nurse

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Full-Time Fire Department with two fire stations  
Trained Paramedics & EMT's provide emergency  
& ambulance service  
Full-Time Police Department

**UTILITIES:**

Electrical service provided by National Grid &  
NStar Electric Company  
Natural gas service provided by New England Gas Company  
Phone service provided by Verizon

**SCHOOLS:****Public:**

Elementary - Alice A. Macomber & Westport Elementary School  
Westport Middle School  
Westport High School  
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School  
Bristol County Agricultural High School

**Private:**

Several private schools, nursery schools & day care centers

**CHURCHES:**

Three Catholic; two Congregational; one Methodist;  
one Quaker, Calvary Bible; one Chapel (seasonal)

**RECREATION:**

State Reservation - Horseneck Beach; thirty-five miles of  
shoreline and ponds provide for boating; sailing; fishing and  
other water related sports; hunting; wide variety of seasonal  
programs and events under the jurisdiction of the Community  
Center Committee

**POST OFFICES:**

Main Office - 649 State Road Route 6), 02790  
Central Village Station - 10 Adamsville Road, 02790  
Noquochoke Station - Old County Road, 02790  
Westport Point - Main Road, 02791

Ceremony Dedicating The Shellfish/Harbormaster Office to Albert "Ab" Palmer  
(left – right) Timothy Palmer, Shellfish Constable Gary Sherman, Shirley Palmer,  
Deputy Shellfish Constable Robert Pierce and Betsy Palmer Small



# THE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT YOU

## **GOVERNOR**

His Excellency, Deval Patrick (D)  
Office of the Governor, Room 360  
Boston, MA 02133

## **SENATORS IN CONGRESS**

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy (D)  
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.315  
Washington, D.C. 20510 or  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Rm.2400-A  
Boston, MA 02203

The Honorable John Kerry (D)  
U.S. Senate, Russell Office Building, Rm.421  
Washington, D.C. 20510 or  
222 Millikin Boulevard, Suite 311  
Fall River, MA 02721

## **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS** **4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

The Honorable Barney Frank (D)  
2252 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2104 or  
558 Pleasant Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

## **SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT** **1ST BRISTOL DISTRICT**

The Honorable Joan M. Menard  
Room 520, State House, Boston, MA 02133 or  
1 Government Center, Room 235  
Fall River, MA 02721

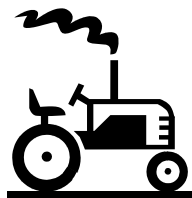
## **REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT** **8TH BRISTOL DISTRICT**

The Honorable Michael Rodrigues (D)  
Room 43, State House, Boston, MA 02133  
or 151 State Road, Westport, MA 02790

## **BRISTOL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

P.O. Box 208  
Taunton, MA 02780

Maria F. Lopes  
Arthur R. Machado  
Christopher T. Saunders  
Marc J. Santos, Esq., Clerk of the Board  
(508) 824-9681



## TOWN OFFICERS - 2007

### **SELECTMEN**

Steven J. Ouellette	2008
Veronica F. Beaulieu	2008
J. Duncan Albert	2009
Robert P. Rebello	2009
Gary E. Mauk	2010

### **TERM EXPIRES**

### **TOWN CLERK**

Marlene M. Samson	2008
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### **MODERATOR**

Steven W. Fors	2010
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### **TREASURER**

George E. Foster	2008
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### **COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Carol A. Borden	2008
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### **ASSESSORS**

John J. McDermott	2008
Robert Grillo	2009
Stephen J. Medeiros	2010

### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Donna L. Lambert	2008
John J. Colletti	2009
Sean M. Leach	2010

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Julia Bernert (Appointed)	2008
Robert J. Kowalczyk	2008
Sally Huntington	2009
Kelly Cooper	2009
Russell T. Kleber	2010
Paul Menzies (Elected – Did Not Serve)	2010

### **REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Paul Jennings	2008
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### **HIGHWAY SURVEYOR**

Harold J. Sisson, Jr.	2008
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### **FISH COMMISSIONERS**

Michael D. O'Connor	2008
James Coughlan	2009
Jason C. Powell	2010

### **CONSTABLES**

Joseph Migliori	2008
William A. Pariseau	2008

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES****TERM EXPIRES**

Pauline B. Dooley	2008
Joseph A. Wisnewski Jr.	2008
Nancy M. Dawson	2009
Susan B. Pedreira	2009
Robert J. Gormley	2010
Marjorie T. Sandborg	2010

**LANDING COMMISSIONERS**

Harold J. Sisson, Jr.	2008
Christopher R. Gillespie	2009
Carl Tripp	2009
Stafford Hart	2010

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Marjorie A. Holden	2006
(State Appointed 3/11/02)	
J. Duncan Albert	2008
Ronald E. Costa	2009
Elizabeth A. Collins	2010
Donald Maynard	2011

**PLANNING BOARD**

Wayne A. Sunderland (Resigned)	2008
David J.S. Emilita (Appointed)	2008
Gregory Franchetti	2009
Philip Hudner	2010
John Montano	2011
James T. Whitin	2012

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF TRUST FUNDS**

Brian J. Sullivan	2008
Donna Amaral	2009
Ronald Costa	2010

Johnna Fay, Roger Williams University, Westport High School Marine Science Teacher  
Daniel Harrington and Three Westport High Students Take a Tour of the Shellfish Hatchery

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.....	85
MARRIAGES.....	69
DEATHS.....	106
POPULATION.....	15,151
NUMBER OF VOTERS.....	10,729
BURIAL PERMITS ISSUED.....	38

## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK 2007

<u>Dog Licenses</u>	Amount
Individual	1200
Kennel	12
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 9,875.00

<u>Hunting &amp; Fishing Licenses</u>	
Individual Licenses	246
Massachusetts Waterfowl Stamps	53
Archery Stamps	49
Primitive Firearms Stamps	56
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 7,232.00

<u>Beach Stickers</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$50,070.00

<u>State Boat Ramp (Route 88)</u>	
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 8,925.00

<u>Shellfish Permits</u>	
Commercial Shellfish	64
Commercial Student	2
Dredging Permits	0
Family Shellfish	513
Senior Citizen Shellfish	157
Non-Resident Shellfish	52
14-Day Shellfish	10
Duplicate Licenses	5
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$26,580.00

<u>Scallop Permits</u>	
Commercial Scallop	0
Family Scallop	5
Senior Citizen Scallop	2
Amount Paid to Treasurer	\$ 145.00

Miscellaneous Fees

Amount Paid to Treasurer \$22,962.50

Auctioneers Licenses 2007

FEE \$30.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

Gasoline Registration Renewals

FEE \$10.00

(Due: On or before April 30th) ISSUED 19

Junk Collectors Licenses 2007

FEE \$25.00

(License Expires May 1, 2008

	ISSUED
William C. White	04/19/07
Robert J. Desmarais	05/01/07
Mid City Scrap Iron	05/01/07
Excel Recycling LLC	05/22/07
Raymond W. Pease	05/29/07
Ellen Drapeau	06/14/07
Edward Pereira	06/21/07

Raffle-Bazaar Permits 2007

FEE \$20.00

(License Expires One Year from Date of Issue)

	ISSUED
Easter Seals Massachusetts Inc.	02/02/07
Westport Historical Society Inc.	03/23/07
Samaritans of Fall River/New Bedford	06/21/07
St. John the Baptist Church	07/12/07
Hopewell Autism Initiative	08/01/07
Greater N.B. Am. Business Women's Assoc.	10/18/07
St. George Church	10/22/07
Animal Rescue League	10/25/07
Dare to be Alive	10/30/07
Westport Federation of Teachers	11/06/07

Justice Of The Peace

Gerald Coutinho  
110C Pettey Lane

Armand Goyette  
38 Tripp Drive

Leo Duquette  
56 Monroe Street

Constance Desilets  
283 Tickle Road

Byron Trefonides  
15 Deacon Road



# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

2007 has been a year of transition and realization of long sought projects for the Town of Westport and its Board of Selectmen. The citizens in reviewing the Annual Report can reflect with pride on the many accomplishments and achievements by our town departments and dedicated employees but it is only fitting that the Board of Selectmen highlight a few.

## **Personnel**

After serving the Town with distinction, retiring Town Administrator Charlene Wood was succeeded by Michael Coughlin, the former Town Manager of Southbridge and Northbridge. We wish Charlene well and welcome Mike and his family to Westport.

## **Financial Issues**

The foundation of any town is its finances. To that end, the Board of Selectmen working with the Finance Committee assisted in finalizing the Fiscal 2008 budget including the passage of dedicated funding for long awaited capital items at the Annual Town Meeting on May 1st. The Selectmen also took a key role spearheading Town Meeting and voter approval of \$200,000 for the design of the new Hixbridge Road Fire Station. To that end, the Board of Selectmen appointed a special committee to oversee design.

In order to assist and improve informed decision making with respect to future budget preparation, the Board of Selectmen commissioned a comprehensive benchmarking study to compare the Town of Westport to 20 like or peer communities. It is anticipated that the study by Municipal Benchmarking will provide one of the cornerstones in preparing the Fiscal 2009 budget.

## **Harbor Dredging**

After years of lobbying and preparation, the long awaited dredging of Westport Harbor started in November by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The second phase supervised by the Department of Conservation and Recreation will be completed in the spring. To that end, the Town secured some \$350,000 from the Seaport Advisory Council in early December. The Board of Selectmen commends all involved in making this project a reality but in particular Harbormaster Richard Earle. It's only fitting that we end the year and this report on such a positive note. Working together we can all advance the future of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica F. Beaulieu, Chairman  
J. Duncan Albert, Vice-Chairman  
Steven J. Ouellette  
Robert P. Rebello  
Gary E. Mauk  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



## APPOINTMENTS 2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Michael J. Coughlin	Town Administrator	4/30/2010
Denise Bouchard	Secretary to the Board of Selectmen	
Diane Pelland	Confidential Clerk to the Board of Selectmen	
Keith A. Pelletier	Police Chief	
Brian R. Legendre	Fire Chief	
Denise Bouchard	Parking Clerk	
Theresa M. Provencal	Town Accountant	
Susan Branco	Library Director	
Susan Oliveira	Council on Aging Director	
Glen Ballou	Principal Maintenance Specialist - Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Fernando Arruda	Maintenance Specialist Town Hall, Annex, Police Station	
Keith J. Novo	Data Processing Coordinator	
Julia M. Bernert	School Committee	4/08/2008
David J. S. Emilita	Planning Board	4/08/2008
Kopelman and Paige	Town Counsel	At Will
Brian R. Legendre	Acting Emergency Management Director	6/30/2009
Linda L. Correia	Water Certifying Officer	6/30/2008
Thomas Hancock	Volunteer Parking Officer	6/30/2008
Edward Carreiro	Dog Officer	4/30/2009
Ronald E. Costa	Veterans Service Agent	4/30/2009
Ronald E. Costa	Graves Registration Officer	6/30/2009
Ronald E. Costa	Citizens for Citizens Representative	6/30/2008
Elaine Ostroff	Regional Transit Authority Advisory Board	1/22/2008
Gary Sherman	Wharfinger	6/30/2010
Dennis H. Thibault	Sealer of Weights & Measures	6/30/2009
John N. McNally	Building Inspector	6/30/2009
Ralph G. Souza	Local Inspector	
Fred Hanack	Part-Time Building Inspector	6/30/2008
William Plamondon	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2008
Dane R. Winship	Assistant Wire Inspector	6/30/2008
Robert Labonte	Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2008
Robert Labonte	Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2008
Roger Olivier	Assistant Plumbing Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2008
Roger Olivier	Assistant Gas Inspector (by Building Inspector)	6/30/2008

### MISCELLANEOUS POSITIONS AND/OR OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Michael J. Coughlin	Chief Procurement Officer
Michael J. Coughlin	Affirmative Action Officer
Michael J. Coughlin	National Organization on Disability Representative
Denise Bouchard	Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator
Doris Silvia	Municipal Census Supervisor
Brain R. Legendre	Municipal Coordinator of the "Right to Know" Law
Gary Sherman	Waterways Oil Spill Coordinator

George Foster	Custodian of Tax Title Properties
John Andrade	E-911 Coordinator
J. Duncan Albert	Railroad Commissioner
Steven J. Ouellette	Westport River Watershed Council
Christine Sylvia	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Representative
Michael Coughlin	Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Rep. Alternate
Veronica F. Beaulieu	MBTA Growth Management Task Force
Michael J. Coughlin	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Coordinator
Veronica F. Beaulieu	Bristol County Advisory Board
Maria E. Farias	Wellness Coordinator

**AGRICULTURAL/OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST**  
**FUND COUNCIL (3 YEAR TERM)**

Lisa Arnold (Fin Com)	6/30/2008	Barbara Hanley (At Large)	6/30/2008
Susan B. Pedreira (Con Com)	6/30/2008	Philip B. Hudner (Plan Bd)	6/30/2010
J. Duncan Albert (BOS)	6/30/2010	Jack Baughan (C.I.P.C.)	6/30/2010
Edward Ferreira (At Large)	6/30/2009	Lee Tripp (Wspt Land Trust)	6/30/2010
Karl Santos (Agri Com)	6/30/2009		

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)**

Nathan Byrnes	6/30/2008	Robert Kowalczyk	6/30/2008
Kathleen Cummings	6/30/2008	David P. Dionne	6/30/2008
Lucy G. Keefe	6/30/2008	Susan Burke Pedreira	6/30/2008
Jack DeVeuve	6/30/2008		

**BEACH COMMITTEE (3 YEAR TERM)**

Robert E. Carroll	6/30/2010	Jack DeVeuve	6/30/2010
Wilfred St. Michel	6/30/2009	Sean Leach	6/30/2008
Margot desJardins	6/30/2008		

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

**5 Year Terms - Regulars**

Clayton Harrison	6/30/2009
Christopher J. Graham	6/30/2008
Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2012
Kendal Tripp	6/30/2011
Donna L. Lambert	6/30/2010

**1 Year Term - Associates**

**BUZZARDS BAY ACTION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)**

Veronica F. Beaulieu	6/30/2008
Gary Mauk (Alternate)	6/30/2008

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)**

Veronica F. Beaulieu (Selectmen's Representative)	6/30/2008
John J. Baughan (Business Representative)	6/30/2008
Robert Kowalczyk (School Committee Representative)	6/30/2008



Timothy Gillespie (Construction Representative)	6/30/2008
Michael J. Coughlin (Town Administrator)	6/30/2008
George Foster (Town Treasurer)	6/30/2008
John McDermott (Assessor's Representative)	6/30/2008
Theresa Provencal (Town Accountant)	6/30/2008
Edward Goldberg (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2008
John J. Faria (Banking, Finance, etc. Representative)	6/30/2008

#### CEMETERY TASK FORCE (2 YEAR TERM)

Veronica F. Beaulieu (Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2009
Robert N. McCarthy (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2009
Westell G. Norman, Jr. (Cemetery Representative)	6/30/2009
George Foster (Treasurer)	6/30/2009
James Walsh (Board of Health Representative)	6/30/2009
Betty Slade (Community Preservation Committee Rep.)	6/30/2009
Jane Loos (At Large)	6/30/2009

#### CENTAL VILLAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Elaine Ostroff	6/30/2008	David Wallace	6/30/2008
Ann Squire	6/30/2008	John Faria	6/30/2008
Joseph Boucher	6/30/2008		

#### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Warren Messier (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2009
Richard Lambert (Conservation Commission Representative)	6/30/2009
Elizabeth Collin (Housing Authority Representative)	6/30/2010
Norma K. Judson (Historical Commission Representative)	6/30/2009
Timothy Gillespie (Recreation Commission Representative)	6/30/2011
David J. S. Emilita (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2010
Betty Slade (At Large)	6/30/2008
Chester B. Adams, Jr. (At Large)	6/30/2008
Lino M. Rego (At Large)	6/30/2008

#### CONSTABLES (1 YEAR TERM)

Daniel Sullivan	6/30/2008	Joseph C. Latimer	6/30/2008
Leo St. Onge	6/30/2008		

#### COUNCIL ON AGING (3 YEAR TERM)

Susan M. Costa	6/30/2010	Bruce C. Belling	6/30/2010
Heather Heath Reed	6/30/2009	Blanche Y. Adams	6/30/2010
Beth Easterly	6/30/2008	Robert B. Stynes	6/30/2010
Peter C. Forrester	6/30/2010		

#### EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Veronica F. Beaulieu	6/30/2009	Kelly Cooper (School Com Rep)	6/30/2009
Linda Galton	6/30/2009	Vacancy (Treasurer Resigned)	
John Miller	6/30/2009		

### ESTUARIES PROJECT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Gay Gillespie	6/30/2008	Elizabeth A. Collins	6/30/2008
Gary Sherman	6/30/2008	David C. Cole	6/30/2008
Timothy Gillespie	6/30/2008	Robert P. Rebello	6/30/2008
Lisabeth White	6/30/2008		

### WESTPORT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GREATER FALL RIVER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE, REGION 7 (1 YEAR TERM)

Arthur Briggs 6/30/2008

### (3) FENCE VIEWERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Paige Gibbs	6/30/2010
Armand Goyette	6/30/2010
Francois Napert III	6/30/2010

### FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE (2 YEAR TERM)

Brian Legendre (Fire Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Allen N. Manley, Jr. (Fire Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Veronica Beaulieu (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2009
Keith A. Pelletier (Police Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Warren M. Messier (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2009
Elizabeth A. Collins (At Large)	6/30/2009
Paul Schmid (At Large)	6/30/2009
Jack DeVeuve (At Large)	6/30/2009
Gary Mauk (At Large)	6/30/2009

### HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Azevedo	6/30/2008	John W. Borden	6/30/2008
Edward B. Carey	6/30/2008	James Robeson	6/30/2008
Ann Cloutier	6/30/2008		

### HARBORMASTER (3 YEAR TERM)

Richard B. Earle 6/30/2009

### ASSISTANT HARBORMASTER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jonathan Paull	6/30/2008	Gary A. Tripp	6/30/2008
John R. Bevis	6/30/2008	James Perry	6/30/2008
Gregory N. Robb	6/30/2008	Richard Hart (Volunteer)	6/30/2008

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

<u>Regular</u>		<u>Alternates</u>	
Geraldine Millham	6/30/2010	Timothy Bryant	6/30/2008

Sharon L. Connors	6/30/2008	Barbara Koenitzer	6/30/2009
Arlene F. Cloutier	6/30/2009	James H. Collins, Jr.	6/30/2009
Bette DeVeuve	6/30/2009	Anne Baker	6/30/2009
Jane Loos	6/30/2009	Vacancy	
Dora Atwater Millikin	6/30/2008		
Norma Judson	6/30/2009		
Lincoln Tripp (Lifetime Honorary)			

### HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

John Montano (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2008
Elizabeth Collins (Housing Authority Representative)	6/30/2008
Sean Leach (Board of Health Representative)	6/30/2008
J. Duncan Albert (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2008
Brian Corey Jr. (At-Large)	6/30/2008

### HOUSING REHAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nelia Williams (Grant Manager)	Elizabeth A. Collins (Housing Authority Rep.)
Ralph Souza (Building Inspector)	Gale Nigrelli (Planning Board Rep.)
Susan Oliveira (Council on Aging Rep.)	(Conservation Commission Rep. Vacancy)
James Walsh (Board of Health Rep.)	J. Duncan Albert (Board of Selectmen Rep.)

### MASTER PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE (NO EXPIRATION DATE)

David Aguiar	Deborah Barnes	Jack Baughan
Judy Beavan	Ann Boxler	Jeff Bull
Brenda Burke	Robert Carroll	George Cataldo
Ann Chandanaïs	Deanna Chase	Todd Cormier
Anthony Cucchi	David Dionne	Gregory Franchetti
Gay Gillespie	Timothy Gillespie	Michael Guilmette
David Wallace	William Wyatt	Marsha Englund
Cathy Madsen	Selena Howard	Melissa Quinn
John Margarida	Ann Cloutier	Ingrid Davidge
Colin Boyle	Philip Hudner	

### PERSONNEL BOARD (3 YEAR TERM)

Paul M. Stein	6/30/2009	Eileen Sheehan	6/30/2008
Robert Bergeron	6/30/2008	Chester B. Adams, Jr.	6/30/2010
Lisa Arnold (Finance Committee Representative)			

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Chief of Police

Keith A. Pelletier

#### Executive Officer

John R. Gifford

#### Administrative Assistant

Nancy A. Braga

### Lieutenants

Paul E. Holden

### Acting Lieutenants

John J. Bell

### Sergeants

Antonio J. Cestodio	Michael D. O'Connor
John P. Couto	Thomas Plourde
Jeffrey Majewski	Daniel Sullivan

### Regular Police Officers

Scott Arrington	Christopher Mello
David Arruda	Francois Napert III
Kristen R. Barboza	Ryan Nickelson
Barry F. Beaulieu	Todd Oliver
Gary L. Cambra	Marshall A. Ronco
Mario DaCunha	Michael R. Roussel
Christopher Dunn	Michael Silvia
Thomas Gallant	David Simcoe
David M. Leite	Tara E. Souza
Bryan C. McCarthy	Robert Thatcher

### E-911 Dispatchers

Jennifer J. Scott	Conrad J. LaFontaine
Tara E. Souza	

### Reserve Police Officers

Ernest P. Belliveau	Keith J. Novo
Chris M. Briand	John R. Pereira
Kristine M. Carreiro	Michael S. Perry
Fernando A. Concalves	Joseph R. Pineau
Edmund A. Correia Jr.	Robert J. Reed
Reginald G. Deschenes	James B. Roberts, Jr.
Maurice E. Dore	Richard J. Rodrigues
Eric R. Gagnon	Brian D. Souza
Michael Kelly	Matthew T. Stains
Stephen D. Kovar	Kyle L. Stone
John P. Lacoste	William N. Travers
Conrad J. LaFontaine	Eric J. Vanasse
Elizabeth A. Medeiros	

### PUBLIC WEIGHER (1 YEAR TERM)

Jason Fonseca	at 548 State Road	6/30/2008
Kenneth Kehoe	at 548 State Road	6/30/2008
Lee Keizler	at 548 State Road	6/30/2008
Jack Parikian	at 548 State Road	6/30/2008
Mark Gitlin	at 548 State Road	6/30/2008
Katherine Lena	at 536 Old County Road	6/30/2008
Kathleen Pereira	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2008
Thomas Frizzell	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2008
Eric Abate	at 443 American Legion Hwy.	6/30/2008
Marty Costa	at 37 Charlotte White Road	6/30/2008
Kimberly Feno	at 37 Charlotte White Road	6/30/2008

### RECREATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

George R. Cataldo	6/30/2010	Julie Reitzas	6/30/2009
Marjorie A. Lombardi	6/30/2010	James Lebelle	6/30/2010
Douglas S. O'Connor	6/30/2010	Garth Patterson (Alternate)	6/30/2007
Timothy Gillespie (Alternate)	6/30/2010		

### REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (3 YEAR TERM)

#### Democrats

Marlene Samson	4/1/2008
Robert St. Amour	4/1/2009

#### Republican

Jean Louis Clapin	4/1/2010
Geraldine Craveiro	4/1/2008

### RIVER DREDGING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Richard Earle (Harbormaster)	6/30/2008
Veronica F. Beaulieu (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2008
Gary Sherman (Shellfish Constable)	6/30/2008
Warren Messier (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2008
John Reynolds (Conservation Commission Representative)	6/30/2008
Edward Carey (Harbor Advisory Representative)	6/30/2008
Carl Tripp (Tripp's Boat Yard)	6/30/2008
Chuck Goldberg (At Large)	6/30/2008
David Cole (At Large)	6/30/2008

### ROUTE 6 ADVISORY/TASK FORCE (2 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2009
Michael J. Rodrigues (State Representative)	6/30/2009
Keith Pelletier (Police Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Harold J. Sisson (Highway Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Jeffrey Majewski (Police Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Brian Souza (Fire Department Representative)	6/30/2009
Kevin Rioux (At Large)	6/30/2009
Normand E. Ouellette (At Large)	6/30/2009
Gerald Coutinho (At Large)	6/30/2009

### SAFETY REGULATION BOARD (1 YEAR TERM)

(Art. 30 - Section 1, 1978)

Steven J. Ouellette, Selectmen's Representative	6/30/2008
Harold J. Sisson, Highway Surveyor	6/30/2008
Paige Gibbs, Fence Viewer	6/30/2008

### SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

George Smith	6/30/2008	John W. Borden, Jr.	6/30/2008
Michael O'Connor	6/30/2008	Walter Quinn	6/30/2008
Dora Atwater Millikin	6/30/2008		

### SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Gary Sherman 6/30/2010

### DEPUTY SHELLFISH CONSTABLE (3 YEAR TERM)

Robert W. Pierce	6/30/2008	Thomas Mello	6/30/2009
Diane Baraby	6/30/2009	Mike Andrade	6/30/2009
Alexander L. Brewster	6/30/2010	Timothy Field	6/30/2010
Jeffrey Francoeur	6/30/2010	Eric M. Hickey	6/30/2010
Paul Macomber	6/30/2010	Andrew Sherman	6/30/2010
Scott J. Soares	6/30/2010	Daniel P. Sullivan	Honorary

### SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD/CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM)

Susan Burke Pedreira	6/30/2009	Tanja E. Ryden	6/30/2009
Richard Lambert	6/30/2009	William J. Burns	6/30/2010
John D. Reynolds	6/30/2008	Wayne H. Turner	6/30/2010
Theodore J. Rich	6/30/2008		

### SRPEDD & SRTA (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette	SRPEDD - Selectmen's Representative
James Whitin	SRPEDD - Planning Board Representative
Susan Oliveira	SRTA - Selectmen's Representative
Jack Sisson	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Gary E. Mauk (Alternate)	Joint Transportation Planning Group
Steven J. Ouellette	Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force
Elaine Ostroff	Regional Transit Authority Board

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Gary E. Mauk (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2008
James J. Walsh (Board of Health Representative)	6/30/2008
Harold J. Sisson (Highway Department Representative)	6/30/2008
David J. S. Emilita (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2008
Gay Gillespie (At Large)	6/30/2008
Thomas McGarr (At Large)	6/30/2008

### TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Robert Grillo (Board of Assessors Representative)	6/30/2008
Steven J. Ouellette (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2008
George Foster (Treasurer)	6/30/2008
Gregory Franchetti (Planning Board Representative)	6/30/2008
Paul Schmid (Finance Committee Representative)	6/30/2008
Chuck Goldberg (At Large)	6/30/2008

### TOWN BEACH LIFEGUARDS

Summer 2007

Jenna St. Martin

Head Lifeguard

Amy L. Pineau	Full-Time Lifeguard
Brad Morel	Full-Time Lifeguard
Jeffrey Lacasse	Part-Time Lifeguard
Evan Audette	Part-Time Lifeguard
Joshua Thomas Baldwin	Part-Time Lifeguard
Thomas Harrington	Part-Time Lifeguard
Eric Indych	Part-Time Lifeguard

#### TOWN BUILDING COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

William Gifford	6/30/2008	William J. Underwood, Jr.	6/30/2008
Margaret Silva	6/30/2008	Richard Vohnoutka	6/30/2008
Vacancy	6/30/2008		
Susan Branco (Ex-Officio member for the Library Addition Only)	6/30/2008		

#### WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Sean M. Leach	6/30/2008	Paul Schmid	6/30/2008
Maurice E. May	6/30/2008	Stephen Santos	6/30/2008
Robert P. Rebello (BOS Rep.)	6/30/2008	James Whitin	6/30/2008
Richard Benevides	6/30/2008	Patricia deVillers	6/30/2008

#### WEB SITE COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Marlene Samson	6/30/2008	Michael P. Silvia	6/30/2008
Michael J. Coughlin	6/30/2008	Keith Novo	6/30/2008
Steven J. Ouellette	6/30/2008	Gerald Coutinho	6/30/2008

#### WESTPORT AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

<u>3 Year Terms - Regulars</u>		<u>1 Year Term - Alternates</u>	
Edward Ferreira	6/30/2010	Rob Russell	6/30/2008
Ronald Potter	6/30/2010	John Bettencourt	6/30/2008
Shirley D'Agostinho Robbins	6/30/2010	Vacancy	
Karl Santos	6/30/2009	Vacancy	
Jay Tripp	6/30/2009	Vacancy	
Lee Tripp	6/30/2008		
Sandra A. Porter	6/30/2008		

#### WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

Shirley Desrosiers	6/30/2008	Charlene R. Wood	6/30/2008
Lena Napert	6/30/2008	Margaret Silva	6/30/2008
Patricia Kershaw	6/30/2008	Phyllis Chrupcala	6/30/2008

#### WESTPORT CULTURAL COUNCIL (2-3 YEAR TERMS)

Whitmore Boogaerts	6/30/2008	Elaine Ostroff	6/30/2008
George R. Cataldo	6/30/2008	Barbara Bates	6/30/2009
Elizabeth A. Collins	6/30/2009	Carol A. Vidal	6/30/2010

## WESTPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (1 YEAR TERM)

Steven J. Ouellette (Board of Selectmen Representative)	6/30/2008
Michael J. Rodrigues (Ex Officio)	6/30/2008
Joan Menard (Ex Officio)	6/30/2008
Michael J. Coughlin (Ex Officio)	6/30/2008
Philip Hudner (At Large)	6/30/2008
Antone Vieira, Jr. (At Large)	6/30/2008
Maurice E. May (At Large)	6/30/2008
William Wyatt (At Large)	6/30/2008
Douglas W. Sasse, III (At Large)	6/30/2008
John J. Baughan (At Large)	6/30/2008

### BONDS

Town Treasurer	\$150,000.00
Tax Collector	\$150,000.00
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000.00

### TRAILER PERMITS

Issued 104 (\$60.00 ea.)

### HIX BRIDGE PERMITS

Issued 372 (\$10.00 ea.)

### COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

Issued 44 (\$75.00 ea.)

### TOTAL COLLECTED

(Fees & Miscellaneous)  
\$89,945.06

## **2007 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES**

### CLASS I

Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.	1030 State Road
JP Trailer Manufacturing	758 State Road
Windmill Cycles, Inc.	75 Old Bedford Road

### CLASS II

Ace Auto	1134 American Legion Highway
Advanced Motors Sales & Service	735 State Road
A.J. Turner	1052 State Road
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service	1090 State Road
Auto Mart	851B State Road



AutoPlus Motorcars	729 State Road
Auto Victoria	648 State Road
Beaulieu's Garage	497 Sanford Road
Bernard Auto Sales, Inc.	280 State Road
C & D Automotive Repair & Sales	276A State Road
Caraballo Auto Sales & Repair	851A State Road
Carvalho's Bargain Motors	935 State Road
Consumer's Auto Sales	10 Sanford Road
Dan's Auto Sales	559 State Road
Deke's Auto Sales	128 Old Bedford Road
Distinctive Autobody, Refinishing & Sales, Ltd.	1121 State Road
Drift Road Auto Sales	541 Drift Road
F & R Auto Sales, Inc.	585 State Road
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales	91 Forge Road
Ferreira's Auto Sales & Marine Annex	1115 State Road
Ferrine's Sales & Service	914 State Road
Forge Auto Sales	6 Forge Court
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service	626 Adamsville Road
Frank E. Brayton, Jr. Auto Sales & Service, Inc. Annex	685 Main Road
G & S Used Auto Sales	924 State Road
Glenwood Auto Sales	10 Glenwood Avenue
Greenwood Park Motors, Inc.	25 Arlington Avenue
G. Souza's Hillside Motors	1121 State Road
Hart Auto Sales	431A Main Road
Highland Auto & Truck Sales	560 Highland Avenue
High Tech Auto Sales & Service	956 State Road
Goldstein's Farm Equipment	287 Gifford Road
Hometown Motors	620 Sanford Road
J & J Used Auto Sales & Service	972 State Road
J & L Pond View Auto Sales Corp.	25 Borden Street
J.B.S. Towing Services Corp.	505 State Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660 Main Road
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.	660A Main Road
Katie's Auto & Truck Sales	449 American Legion Highway
Leclairs Auto Sales	702 State Road
Marc's Motors	683E American Legion Highway
Mike's Auto	983 State Road
Norwest Auto Sales, Inc.	937 State Road
Nu-Way Auto Sales	837 State Road
Pine Hill Auto Repair Inc.	929 Pine Hill Road
Prestige Auto Mart Inc.	1018A State Road
Quality Auto Sales	835 State Road
R & J Auto Sales	1016B State Road
R & R Auto Body & Sales	800A American Legion Highway
RJM Motors	718 State Road
S & K Auto Sales	1016A State Road
State Road Auto Sales, Inc.	327 State Road
State Road Motors, Inc.	712 State Road
Tech Auto World, LLC	237B State Road
Thad's Auto Sales	37 Charlotte White Road
3D Auto Sales Inc.	575 State Road
Union Avenue Auto Sales	8 Union Avenue
Val's Auto Sales	757 State Road
Venture Ltd.	1175B State Road
Westport Auto & RV Center	1058 State Road
Westport Auto Center	1018 State Road

### CLASS III

Lantic Salvage  
Mid-City Scrap Iron, Inc.  
Robert J. Desmarais  
Thad's Auto Salvage, Inc.  
Westport Auto Recycling

58 Charlotte White Road  
548 State Road  
560 Highland Avenue  
37 Charlotte White Road  
443 American Legion Highway

### GARAGE & SERVICE STATION REPAIR LICENSES

Adamsville Auto Repair  
Adamsville Garage  
Advanced Motors Sales & Service  
Amaral Bus/Truck Sales & Service  
Arel's tune Up & Trouble Shooting  
Auto Mart  
Auto Tech  
Beaulieu's Garage  
Big Boar Harley-Davidson, Inc.  
Brian's Automotive  
Caraballo Auto Sales & Repair  
Carvalho's Bargain Motors.  
C & D Automotive Repair  
Deke's Auto Sales  
Distinctive Autobody & Refinishing  
East Coast RV & Auto Repair  
Ferreira's Auto Body & Sales  
Ferrine's Sales & Service  
Five Star Collision Inc.  
Four Square Garage  
Frank Bowman's Auto Repair  
Genie Auto Repair  
Glenwood Auto Detailing  
Hart Auto Body  
Henry's Diesel Performance Plus Inc.  
High Tech Auto Sales & Service  
J & J Used Car Sales & Service  
J.B.S. Towing Services  
Joal's Garage  
Joe's Auto Repair  
John Mooney's Auto Service  
John Soares Village Garage, Inc.  
J.R.'s Precision Auto Body and Sales  
J's Repair Garage  
Macomber's Garage  
Magic Jeannie  
Martin's Repair Shop  
Mendes Auto Repair  
Nu-Way Auto Repair  
Pine Hill Auto Repair, Inc.  
Pine Hill Service Station  
Prestige Auto Mart Inc.  
R & J Auto Sales  
R & R Auto Body & Sales  
Ray's Repair  
Roger's Automotive, Inc.  
Rte. 6 Gas  
Samson's Ent. Auto & Truck Repair

500 Adamsville Road  
626 Adamsville Road  
735 State Road  
1090 State Road  
615 State Road  
851B State Road  
443 American Legion Highway  
497 Sanford Road  
1030 State Road  
851B State Road  
851A State Road  
935 State Road  
276A State Road  
128 Old Bedford Road  
1121 State Road  
131 Old Bedford Road  
91 Forge Road  
914 State Road  
683A American Legion Highway  
618 Sanford Road  
137 Forge Road  
800E American Legion Highway  
10 Glenwood Avenue  
51 Cross Road  
867 State Road  
956 State Road  
972 State Road  
505 State Road  
500 Adamsville Road  
468 American Legion Highway  
541 Drift Road  
660 Main Road  
729 State Road  
140 Old Bedford Road  
1523 Drift Road  
775 State Road  
112 Sanford Road  
130 Plymouth Boulevard  
837A State Road  
929 Pine Hill Road  
1018C State Road  
1018A State Road  
1016B State Road  
800A American Legion Highway  
50 Faulkner Street  
1121 State Road  
162 State Road  
800B American Legion Highway

State Road Auto Sales, Inc.  
Thad's Auto Salvage & Service  
Westport Auto Clinic  
Westport Tire, Inc.  
Whaling City Transit, Inc.  
Wilfrid's Garage, Inc.

327 State Road  
37 Charlotte White Road  
422 Sanford Road  
718 State Road  
92 Sanford Road  
427 Main Road

### STORAGE YARD LICENSES

Caraballo Auto Storage

851D State Road

## **2007 LIQUOR LICENSES**

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE – ALL ALCOHOLIC

Briere's, Inc.	233 Sanford Road
Albert E. Lees, Inc. d/b/a Lees Supermarket	796-800 Main Road
State Road Package Store	787 State Road
Watuppa Package Store, Inc.	151 State Road
Westport Market	291 American Legion Highway
Westport Wine & Spirits	655 State Road

### PACKAGE GOODS STORE – WINES AND MALT

Harry's Country Store Inc.	646 American Legion Highway
Olde Westport Trading Post	1031R Main Road

### RESTAURANT - ALL ALCOHOLIC

Badkitty Inc. d/b/a The Back Eddy	1 Bridge Road
The Bayside Restaurant	1253 Horseneck Road
Bittersweet Restaurant Inc.	438-440 Main Road
Food First, Inc. d/b/a Ellie's Place	1403 Main Road
P. & G. Bowling W., Inc. d/b/a Holiday Lanes	236 State Road
J & S Enterprises, Inc. db/a Kozy Nook Restaurant	645 State Road
House of Chu, Inc. d/b/a Oriental Pearl	576 State Road
P.D. Foods, Inc. d/b/a Portas da Cidade	235 State Road
Westport Club, Inc.	904 Main Road
The Westporter Plantation & Cookery, Inc.	1031 Main Road
Lafrance Brothers, Inc. d/b/a White's Restaurant	66 State Road

### RESTAURANT - WINES AND MALT

Marguerite's Restaurant	778 Main Road
Mediterranean Café & Pizzeria	549 American Legion Highway

### RESTAURANT (COMMERCIAL CLUB) ALL ALCOHOLIC

Holy Ghost Club, Inc.  
W.A. & R. Ouellette Post # 8502

171 Sodom Road  
843 State Road

SEASONAL MISCELLANEOUS

Acoaxet Club, Inc.  
Acoaxet Club, Inc. d/b/a The Pro Shop  
Village Pizza

152 Howland Road  
152 Howland Road  
760 Main Road



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
APRIL 10, 2007**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April next, it being the second Tuesday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to choose the following Offices, viz: One Selectman, One Moderator, One Assessor, One Board of Health Member, Two School Committee Members, One Fish Commissioner, Two Trustees of the Free Public Library, One Land Commissioner and One Commissioner of Trust Funds, each for three year terms; One Planning Board Member for five years and One Planning Board Member for a three year unexpired term.

The polls will be open for balloting for the officers, or any questions contained on the official ballot at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 2nd day of April in the year two thousand seven.

Steven J. Ouellette, Chairman  
David P. Dionne, Vice-Chairman  
Veronica F. Beaulieu  
J. Duncan Albert

Robert P. Rebello  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
April 3, 2007

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2007, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Lees Supermarket

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION Westport, Mass. APRIL 10, 2007**

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following persons, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

		<u>Sworn</u>
<u>Selectman - Three Years</u>		
Sean M. Leach had six hundred fourteen	614	
Gary Earl Mauk had six hundred ninety-six	696	4/11/07
Lino M. Rego had five hundred fifty-eight	558	
Blanks, thirteen	13	
 <u>Moderator - Three Years</u>		
Steven W. Fors had one thousand two hundred ninety-four	1294	4/19/07
Blanks, five hundred eighty-seven	587	
 <u>Assessor - Three Years</u>		
Stephen J. Medeiros had one thousand two hundred fifty-eight	1258	4/23/07
Blanks, six hundred twenty-three	623	
 <u>Board Of Health - Three Years</u>		
Sean M. Leach had one thousand two hundred thirty-two	1232	4/18/07
Blanks, six hundred forty-nine	649	

School Committee - Three Years

Paul D. Menzies had one thousand seventy-five	1075	Oath Not Taken
Russell T. Kleber had nine hundred sixty-five	965	4/18/07
Blanks, one thousand seven hundred twenty-two	1722	

Fish Commissioner - Three Years

Jason C. Powell had one thousand one hundred sixty-nine	1169	4/13/07
Blanks, seven hundred twelve	712	

Trustees Of Free Public Library - Three Years

Marjorie T. Sandborg had one thousand one hundred fifty-seven	1157	4/13/07
Robert J. Gormley had nine hundred fifteen	915	4/13/07
Blanks, one thousand six hundred ninety	1690	

Landing Commissioner - Three Years

Stafford W. Hart had one thousand two hundred seventy-three	1273	4/11/07
James P. Foley had three hundred eighty-five	385	
Blanks, two hundred twenty-three	223	

Planning Board - Five Years

James T. Whitin had one thousand one hundred fifty-seven	1157	4/11/07
Blanks, seven hundred twenty-four	724	

Planning Board -Three Year Unexpired Term

Philip B. Hudner had one thousand one hundred seventy-eight	1178	4/13/07
Blanks, seven hundred three	703	

Board Of Commissioners Of Trust Funds - Three Years

Ronald E. Costa had one thousand one hundred ninety-six	1196	4/11/07
Blanks, six hundred eighty-five	685	

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

Town of Westport  
816 Main Rd.  
Westport, Ma. 02790

April 19, 2007

Attn: Marlene Samson – Town Clerk

I regret to inform you effective May 31, 2007 that I will be resigning as a member of the Westport Planning Board, leaving eleven months of my unexpired term. This determination is due to personal health matters.

It has been an honor to have served on the Planning Board these last six years and to have been associated

with so many dedicated and hard working town officials and employees.

Yours truly,

Wayne A. Sunderland  
P.O. Box 86  
Westport Point, Ma. 02791

cc: Westport Planning Board  
Town Hall Annex

Westport Board of Selectman  
Town Hall

Effective April 25, 2007 I resign my position as a member of the Westport School Committee. I will now be residing in Florida and will be unable to serve.

Paul Menzies

Received: April 23, 2007

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 1, 2007**

BRISTOL, SS.

To either of the constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Agreeable to the warrant calling said meeting, the voters of the Town of Westport assembled at the Westport High School on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Maurice Steiblin, Lino Rego and Kenneth DeCosta to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn before the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting in accordance with a By-Law adopted under Article 45 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1963. All in attendance stood to salute the flag of our nation.

Veronica Beaulieu, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was recognized by the Moderator. Ms. Beaulieu called Charlene Wood, retiring Town Administrator, to the podium to present her with a plaque as a thank you for her 47 years of dedication and service to the Town of Westport.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence for Carlton Lees, former Selectman, Town Moderator, Town Counsel and member of various boards and committees in the Town of Westport.

Paul Schmid, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave those in attendance a brief explanation of the Town's financial situation.

Motion and second made to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:17 p.m. and open the Special Town Meeting. VOTED: Unanimously.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MAY 1, 2007**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport in said County: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Westport qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to assemble at the Westport High School on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:15 p.m., and then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Motion and second made to dispense with the reading of the warrant and the constables return of service of the warrant and that the Moderator not be required to read articles of the warrant verbatim, but be allowed to refer to articles by number and by subject matter. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second made to allow the Moderator to declare that a two-thirds vote has been achieved according to General Law, Chapter 39, § 15. VOTED: Unanimously.

**Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from various line items within the current appropriations such sums of money necessary to supplement the budgets of various departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT..
Highway Dept. Personal Services	Highway Dept. Expenses	\$25,260.00
Conservation Comm. Personal Services	Conservation Commission Expenses	1,500.00
Finance Committee Reserve Acct.	Police Department Expenses	50,000.00
Short Term Interest	Police Department Expenses	25,000.00
Harbor Enterprise Avail. Funds	Harbor Enterprise Personal Services	1,372.00

VOTED: Unanimously.

**Article 2**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the purpose of paying outstanding bills from prior fiscal years, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Assessors Data Processing Expense	\$7,920.00
Police Department K-9 Expense	<u>238.00</u>
Total	\$8,158.00

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 2. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second made to dissolve the Special Town Meeting at 7:23 p.m. and to reconvene the Annual



Town Meeting. VOTED: Unanimously.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 11th day of April in the year two thousand and seven.

Veronica F. Beaulieu, Chairwoman  
J. Duncan Albert, Vice-Chairman  
Steven J. Ouellette  
Robert P. Rebello  
Gary E. Mauk  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
April 17, 2007

I this 17th day of April 2007, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Lees Supermarket

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to reduce taxation certain sums of money from various articles approved by Town Meeting, when there is a balance remaining that is no longer required to accomplish the purpose for which the articles were originally passed, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second made to pass over Article 1. VOTED: Unanimously.

### **Article 2**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second made to fix the salary and compensation of all elected Town Officers as follows:

Moderator	\$ 723.00
Selectmen – Chairman	6,864.40

Board Members (4)	27,057.60
Assessors – Board Members (3)	16,206.00
Board of Health – Members (3)	8,173.00
Highway Surveyor	66,501.00
Tax Collector	55,948.00
Town Clerk	55,948.00
Treasurer	<u>55,948.00</u>
Total	\$293,369.00

VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second made to advance Article 34 at this time. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the cost of various capital expenditures in accordance with the Town's Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Improvement Planning Program, including the purchase and installation of departmental equipment and computers, the remodeling and making of extraordinary repairs to Town facilities, and the paving of certain Town properties; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion and second made to appropriate the following capital expenditures in accordance with the Town's fiscal year 2008 capital improvement program:

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL AMOUNT	ITEM(S)
Police Dept.	\$158,750	copier, basement remodel; computer equipment; boiler; bathroom plumbing; radio equipment
Highway Dept.	\$ 42,500	mini-excavator
School Dept.	\$272,000	smoke/heat detection (WHS) chem lab tight tank (WHS) computer lab upgrade (WHS) regrading/paving/repair (MAC) computer lab upgrade (WES) computer lab upgrade-lab 309 (WHS) mobile lab (WHS) Bleacher Replacement (WMS)
Total Amount: \$473,250		

and that the funding be appropriated from the following:

\$373,250 from Free Cash  
100,000 from Stabilization (interest)

VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds such sums of money considered necessary to defray the Town's expenses for a twelve month period beginning July 1, 2007 and appropriate the same to several departments and/or take any other action relative thereto.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second made to accept the sum of \$28,056,327.00 from the following sources:

\$ 27,426,625.00
100,000.00
278,000.00
251,702.00
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\$ 28,056,327.00

Taxation  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest  
Overlay Surplus  
Free Cash

		<b>Salary Appropriation</b>	<b>Expense Appropriation</b>	<b>Budget Total</b>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>				
114	Moderator	\$ 723.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 863.00
122	Selectmen	205,165.00	38,200.00	243,365.00
131	Finance Committee	1,167.00	2,166.00	3,333.00
132	Reserve Fund		75,000.00	75,000.00
135	Town Accountant	79,973.00	15,954.00	95,927.00
141	Assessors	141,111.00	3,402.00	144,513.00
145	Treasurer	122,445.00	27,720.00	150,165.00
146	Collector	117,827.00	25,324.00	143,151.00
151	Legal		105,000.00	105,000.00
152	Personnel Board	484.00	80.00	564.00
155	Computer	26,523.00	63,977.00	90,500.00
161	Town Clerk	86,328.00	5,100.00	91,428.00
163	Registrar of Voters	45,139.00	22,138.00	67,277.00
171	Conservation	61,764.00	8,993.00	70,757.00
175	Planning Board	75,650.00	6,105.00	81,755.00
176	Appeals Board	4,500.00	1,999.00	6,499.00
192	Town Hall/Annex	72,156.00	61,800.00	133,956.00
193	Property Insurance		231,000.00	231,000.00
194	Housing Partnership Committee		200.00	200.00
195	Town Reports		4,200.00	4,200.00
198	Town Farm		2,816.00	2,816.00
		<b>1,040,955.00</b>	<b>701,314.00</b>	<b>1,742,269.00</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>				
210	Police Department	2,292,419.00	361,195.00	2,653,614.00
220	Fire Department	1,542,630.00	176,911.00	1,719,541.00
241	Building Department	130,602.00	6,890.00	137,492.00
244	Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,809.00	396.00	2,205.00
291	Emergency Management	2,872.00	1,341.00	4,213.00
292	Dog Officer	25,908.00	5,775.00	31,683.00
297	Shellfish	68,242.00	20,213.00	88,455.00
298	Parking Tickets		3,285.00	3,285.00
		<b>4,064,482.00</b>	<b>576,006.00</b>	<b>4,640,488.00</b>
<b><u>SCHOOLS</u></b>				
300	Westport Community Schools	11,229,641.00	2,937,921.00	14,167,562.00
360	Regional School Assessments		829,740.00	829,740.00
		<b>11,229,641.00</b>	<b>3,767,661.00</b>	<b>14,997,302.00</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS &amp; FACILITIES</u></b>				
421	Highway Dept	545,076.00	127,195.00	672,271.00
423	Snow & Ice (Storm Acct)	39,635.00	30,000.00	69,635.00
424	Street Lights		20,000.00	20,000.00

433	Sanitary Landfill	121,799.00	239,770.00	361,569.00
491	Cemetery Department	124,368.00	9,939.00	134,307.00
492	Veteran's Graves	896.00	2,049.00	2,945.00
		<b>831,774.00</b>	<b>428,953.00</b>	<b>1,260,727.00</b>

#### **HUMAN SERVICES**

511	Board of Health	202,289.00	15,618.00	217,907.00
519	Nursing	31,938.00	3,893.00	35,831.00
541	Council on Aging	139,690.00	49,071.00	188,761.00
543	Veterans Services	33,485.00	98,749.00	132,234.00
		<b>407,402.00</b>	<b>167,331.00</b>	<b>574,733.00</b>

#### **CULTURE & RECREATION**

610	Library	175,082.00	26,231.00	201,313.00
631	Town Beach	26,000.00	9,150.00	35,150.00
691	Historical Commission		539.00	539.00
		<b>201,082.00</b>	<b>35,920.00</b>	<b>237,002.00</b>

#### **DEBT SERVICE**

710	Principal Payments		389,088.00	389,088.00
751	Interest Payments on Long Term Debt		109,013.00	109,013.00
752	Interest Payments on Short Term Debt		25,000.00	25,000.00
			<b>523,101.00</b>	<b>523,101.00</b>

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

820	SRPEDD	--	2,300.00	2,300.00
		--	<b>2,300.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>

#### **PENSION & INSURANCE**

911	Pension Assessment		1,464,405.00	1,464,405.00
914	Health & Life Insurance		2,614,000.00	2,614,000.00
			<b>4,078,405.00</b>	<b>4,078,405.00</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,775,336.00</b>	<b>10,280,991.00</b>	<b>28,056,327.00</b>
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VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second made to advance the thirteen articles of the consent calendar (Articles 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 24 and 25) and that these articles be adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee. The funding sources for Articles 24 and 25 will be from Free Cash. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### **Article 4**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from other available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to be used in conjunction with, and/or in addition to any funds allocated by the Commonwealth and/or County for engineering services, construction, reconstruction, and/or improvements of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs for seniors, except for receipts from the social day care program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$20,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from the Social Day Care Program, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$80,000.00 for these same services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from income-generating activities, except receipts from health care promotion, recreational and social programs, transportation activities, and the social day care program which are the source of receipts for other revolving funds, to support the Westport Senior Center from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$15,000, for building operating/maintenance expenses, excluding salaries and wages of all full-time and part-time employees who are employed at said Senior Center, may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Council on Aging into which will be paid all receipts from transportation for seniors, from which costs not to exceed the sum of \$20,000.00 for these same

services may be expended without further appropriation by the Council on Aging and Board of Selectmen and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COUNCIL ON AGING

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Ambulance Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$110,000 for the purchase of an ambulance, ambulance equipment and/or any incurred ambulance-related expense, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Haz-Mat Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of Haz-Mat equipment and/or any incurred Haz-Mat related expense, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Board of Selectmen into which will be paid receipts from the additional License Fee, from which costs not to exceed \$100,000.00 for cable services, equipment and/or supplies may be expended without further appropriation by the Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Planning Board into which will be paid all portions of subdivision filing fee receipts collected for the purpose of maintaining the assessors parcel GIS database, as provided in the *Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land*, as they may be amended from time to time. These funds may be expended for costs not to exceed \$20,000, and for purposes related to maintaining and utilizing the GIS database, and may be expended without further appropriation by the Planning Board, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PLANNING BOARD

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Westport Police Department into which will be paid all receipts from Police Cruiser Fees associated with private details, from which costs not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of cruisers, associated equipment and/or any incurred police cruiser-related expense, not to

include salaries, which sum may be expended without further appropriation by the Westport Board of Selectmen, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

POLICE CHIEF

VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year the mosquito control work as estimated and certified by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Acts of 1931 and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$1.00 from Free Cash.

#### Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$770.00 to contract for environmental services directly related to Buzzards Bay, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

VOTED: (Unanimously) \$770.00 from Free Cash.

#### Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to establish and authorize pursuant to the provisions of G. L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a second revolving fund for the Westport Fire Department into which will be paid all receipts from Ambulance Fees, from which costs not to exceed \$100,000 for the purchase of Fire Apparatus and other Fire Department related capital equipment, not to include salaries, which may be expended without further appropriation by the Fire Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

FIRE CHIEF

Motion and second made to pass over Article 12. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish and reauthorize pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E-1/2 for Fiscal Year 2008, a revolving fund for the Electrical, Plumbing & Gas Inspectors, into which will be deposited all receipts from fees and fines paid for electrical, plumbing and gas permits, from which costs not to exceed \$85,000.00 for inspections performed, mileage, schooling, supplies, clerical wages, equipment and other related miscellaneous expenses may be expended without further appropriation by the Electrical, Plumbing and Gas departments, Any fund balance in excess of \$85,000 at the end of the fiscal year will be transferred into the General Fund, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Motion and second made to amend Article 13 by changing the second listed amount of \$85,000 to \$40,000. VOTED: Unanimously as amended.

#### Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for design and engineering services to establish detailed costs of a new south end fire station to be located on town-owned land on the north side of Hix Bridge Road and west of Route 88; contingent upon the passage of a debt exclusion ballot question, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING COMPLEX COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 17. VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 17 carried by 2/3 vote.

## Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend various portions of the Westport Zoning By-Laws pertaining to Adult Uses as follows:

**Item 1.** To amend Section 1.1 Definitions as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

To replace Section 1.1.C with the following definition:

**Adult Entertainment Establishment** - The following uses, as defined in G.L. c.40A, §9A, shall be known as Adult Entertainment Establishments: Adult Bookstore, Adult Motion Picture Theatre, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Establishment Which Displays Live Nudity For Its Patrons, and Adult Video Store. For purposes of this By-law, the term "substantial or significant portion of stock in trade" shall be deemed to exist under any of the following circumstances:

- a. When the cost (either wholesale or retail) of the portion of the stock in trade on hand characterized or distinguished by depicting or concerning sexual conduct or sexual excitement, as defined in G. L. c. 272, §31, comprises more than ten percent (10%) of the total stock in trade on hand; or
- b. When monthly revenues, including rentals, from such stock in trade exceeds more than ten percent (10%) of the monthly revenues from all stock in trade; or
- c. When an area of more than ten percent (10%) of the floor area open to or observable by customers is wholly or partially used for the display or storage of such stock in trade; or
- d. When a business with any such stock in trade fails, upon request of the building commissioner to produce accurate information to determine whether the thresholds set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) have been exceeded, there shall be a presumption that such business comprises an Adult Entertainment Establishment.

To delete Section 1.1.D

To delete Section 1.1.V:

**Item 2.** To amend Section 3.1 Location of Districts by inserting in the first sentence the words "and other overlay districts" after "flood plain districts" or take any other action relative thereto:

The first sentence will then read: "Said districts, except flood plain and other overlay districts, are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map of Westport, Massachusetts, " dated March 28, 1974, and on file in the office of the Town Clerk."

**Item 3.** To amend Section 3.0 Types of Districts of the Westport Zoning By-Law as follows:

In the list entitled "Types of Districts", after "F. Telecommunication Facilities Overlay", to add "G. Adult Entertainment Overlay District".

**Item 4.** To amend Section 3.1 Location of Districts by adding after Section 3.1.F the following:

"Section 3.1.G Adult Entertainment Overlay District: The portion of the Town described as the following assessors' parcels as of May, 2007:

Assessor's Map 3, Lots 144, 144A through H, 144J, and 144K  
Assessor's Map 3, Lots 145 and 146  
Assessor's Map 4, Lots 13 through 15, 16 and 16A.  
Assessor's Map 4, Lots 17 & 17A.



and further described on the Adult Entertainment Overlay District zoning map detail approved May, 2007, on file with the Town Clerk.

**Item 5.** To amend Section 4.0 of the Westport Zoning By-Law as follows:

1. To delete Section 4.0.2.D in its entirety.
2. To delete Section 4.0.3.C in its entirety.

**Item 6.** Amend Article 4 Use Regulations by adding after Section 4.0.6 Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District (See Article 9) the following new section:

4.0.7 Adult Entertainment Overlay District (AEOD - See Article 16).

**Item 7.** To add Article 16 Adult Entertainment Overlay District as follows:

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **ADULT ENTERTAINMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT (AEOD)**

#### **16.0 PURPOSE AND INTENT**

It has been documented in numerous other towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States that Adult Entertainment Establishments are distinguishable from other business uses and that the location of adult entertainment uses degrades the quality of life in the areas of a community where they are located. Studies have shown secondary impacts such as increased levels of crime, increased demands on police, fire departments and other municipal resources, decreased tax base, and blight resulting from the clustering and concentration of adult entertainment uses. Late night noise and traffic also increase due to the late hours of operation of many of these establishments. This by-law is enacted pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A, Section 9A and the Massachusetts Home Rule Amendment with the purpose and intent of regulating and limiting the location of Adult Entertainment Establishments (as defined within Article 1, Section 1.1 of these By-Laws) so as to prevent or minimize the secondary effects associated with these establishments, and to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the Town of Westport.

The provisions of Article 16 have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative matter or materials, including sexually oriented matter or materials. Similarly, it is not the intent or effect of this Article 16 to restrict or deny access by adults to sexually oriented matter or materials protected by the Constitution of the United States or of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, nor restrict nor deny rights that distributors or exhibitors of such matters may have to sell, distribute, or exhibit such matter or materials. Nor is it the intent or effect of this Article 16 to legalize the distribution of obscene matter or materials.

#### **16.1 APPLICABILITY**

Article 16 shall apply to all Adult Entertainment Establishments, as defined in Article 1, Section 1.1 Definitions of these By-Laws. Any existing Adult Entertainment Establishment shall apply for an Adult Entertainment Special Permit within 90 days of the effective date of this By-Law. This By-law shall not be construed so as to be more permissive than G.L. c.40A, §§6 and 9A.

#### **16.2 ESTABLISHMENT OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT (AEOD) & RELATIONSHIP TO UNDERLYING DISTRICTS**

The AEOD is established as a district that overlays the underlying district(s), such that any parcel of land lying in the AEOD shall also lie in one or more of the other zoning districts in which it was

previously classified, as provided for in these Zoning By-Laws.

### **16.3 PERMITTING AUTHORITY**

The Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) shall be the Zoning Board of Appeals.

### **16.4 SPECIAL PERMIT USES**

- a) All Adult Entertainment Establishments, shall require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals with Site Plan Approval under Article 15 from the Planning Board:

### **16.5 SPECIAL PERMIT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

Special Permit applications for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals under this Article 16 shall contain, without limit, the following information:

- a) Name of the proposed business;
- b) A copy of the lease for the business premises;
- c) A full description of the intended nature of the business;
- d) The proposed days and hours of operation;
- e) Name and address of each person who has or will have a legal or beneficial interest in the business. If a corporation has such interest, the names and addresses of the officers and directors of same; if such corporation is not publicly owned, the names of the stockholders; if a partnership has such a legal or beneficial interest, the names and addresses of all general and limited partners and all persons with a beneficial interest in the partnership.
- f) Name and address of each person who will have management responsibility for the proposed business and specification of the days and times at which each such person will be present at the business premises. The application shall include the names and addresses of each person with management responsibility that shall be authorized and available to respond promptly to complaints at any time when a manager is not present at the business premises and shall specify how each such person can be contacted without delay at any such time.
- g) A certification that none of the persons named in the previous two subparagraphs has ever been convicted of violating the provisions of General Laws Chapter 119, Section 63 or General Laws Chapter 272 Section 28.
- h) A plan to scale showing the lot on which the proposed business will be located, including all buildings, parking spaces, driveways, abutting streets and lots and any proposed landscaping; a floor plan to scale showing the proposed layout of the business premises; exterior elevation drawings to scale showing the proposed exterior appearance of the business premises, including each proposed sign and its content and the treatment of doors and windows. Should the special permit be granted, the Planning Board will require additional plans and information as specified under Article 15 Site Plan Approval and its regulations for same. In the interest of efficiency, the applicant is advised to prepare plans, drawings and reports such that they are consistent with the Planning Board's requirements or may be augmented with additional information to meet those standards.
- i) A traffic study prepared by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Civil Engineer reliably determining the effect on traffic likely to be caused by the proposed business and setting out all measures proposed to be taken to mitigate any adverse traffic impact. The traffic study shall reliably determine any parking needs of the proposed business and shall specify how

these needs will be met without adverse impact on- or off-site.

- j) Total number of employees and hours they are expected to work;
- k) Proposed security precautions including, without limit, a security plan ensuring that minors in no event be exposed to sexually explicit material or performances except as authorized by law.
- l) A proposed plan for ensuring that the stock in trade of the business or any performance presented shall include no obscene material.
- m) If the application is for renewal of a special permit for an Adult Entertainment Establishment, it shall contain a certification that the establishment has complied with the terms and conditions of the special permit for which renewal is sought.

## **16.6 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall promulgate rules and regulations governing the issuance of special permits for Adult Entertainment Establishments and shall file a copy of said rules and regulations with the office of the Town Clerk, as required by General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 9A. The Board may assess reasonable fees for administration and review of such applications, including, but not limited to, consultant review fees, as provided in G.L. c.40, §53G.

## **16.7 SPECIAL PERMIT STANDARDS FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT**

A Special Permit shall be granted, subject to such reasonable conditions relative to time, place and manner of the operation as the Zoning Board of Appeals may deem necessary or appropriate, for an Adult Entertainment Establishment unless one or more of the following conditions is not satisfied:

### **a) Submission Standards:**

An application containing inaccurate or incomplete information shall be cause for denying a special permit. If a special permit is issued and information in the application is later found to be false, this shall be cause for revoking, denying renewal of or modifying the special permit.

An application for a renewed special permit shall be determined in the same manner as the original application except that failure to comply with the conditions of the original permit or to follow the approved plans shall be cause for denial of a renewal and for revocation of the original permit.

### **b) Location and Site Standards**

- No Adult Entertainment Establishment may be located outside of an AEOD.
- Maximum lot coverage shall be less than fifty percent (50%), including parking and driveway areas.

### **c) Display Standards:**

No signs, graphics, pictures, publications, videotapes, movies, covers, merchandise, or other implements, items or advertising, depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272, Section 31 shall be displayed in the windows of, or on the exterior of the building of, any Adult Entertainment Establishment, or be visible to the public from the pedestrian sidewalks or walkways or from other areas outside such establishments.

### **d) Screening Standards:**

- All building openings, entries and windows shall be screened in such a manner as to prevent visual access to the interior of the Adult Entertainment Establishment by the public.
  - A five (5) foot high solid fence or landscaped buffer of evergreen trees and/or evergreen shrubs five (5) feet high at the time of planting shall be provided and maintained along the side and rear property lines.
- e) Minors:
- No Adult Entertainment Establishment shall be allowed to disseminate adult matters to minors, to cause Adult Entertainment Establishment displays to be viewed by minors, or to allow minors to linger on the premises.
- f) Applicant Standards:
- No Special Permit shall be issued to any person convicted of violating the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 119, Section 63 or Massachusetts General Law Chapter 272, Section 28.
- g) Parking and Access Standards:
- Parking shall comply with the requirements of Article 5.1 of these By-Laws governing off-street parking, except that off-site parking shall not be allowed, and with recommendations of traffic and engineering consultants including those made during the Site Plan Approval process.
  - All parking areas shall be illuminated and such lighting shall be contained within the property lines.
  - Drive-through facilities are prohibited at all Adult Entertainment Establishments.
- h) Security Standards:
- The applicant may be required to provide and pay for a police security detail at any time when, in the opinion of the Chief of Police conditions warrant additional security.

#### **16.8 LAPSE OF SPECIAL PERMIT**

A special permit issued under this Section 16 shall lapse upon any one of the following occurrences:

- a) A change in the location of the adult use;
- b) Sale, transfer or assignment of the business or the license;
- c) Change in ownership or management.
- d) Failure to commence a permitted Adult Entertainment Establishment, within two years of the granting of such permit, except for good cause, including such time as is required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal to the court from the grant thereof.
- e) Any special permit issued for an Adult Entertainment Establishment shall be for a term specified by the Board of Appeals not to exceed two (2) years.

#### **16.9 SEVERABILITY**

If any portion of this by-law is ruled invalid, such ruling shall not affect the validity of the remainder of

the by-law.

**Item 8. Table of Uses**

1. To amend the Table of Uses by deleting the lines for Adult Live Entertainment Establishment, Adult Theater and Sexually Oriented Business.
2. To amend the Table of Use Regulations by adding the following line for Adult Entertainment Establishment:

<u>USES</u>	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>BUSINESS</u>	<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT (See Article 16)	N	N (Except SPBA and SPA-PB in AEOD)	N

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: declared by the Moderator as carried by 2/3 vote.

VOTED: the Moderator declared the provisions of Article 18 defeated by 2/3 vote.

**Article 19**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 15 Site Plan Approval and the Table of Use Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Laws as follows:

**Section 1.** By deleting Section 15.2 Applicability and Section 15.3 Waiver of Technical Compliance in their entirety and replacing them with the new sections 15.2 Applicability and 15.3 Waiver of Technical Compliance as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

**15.2 APPLICABILITY.**

For specific uses requiring Site Plan Approval, see the Table of Use Regulations. The following types of activities and uses require Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board:

1. Construction with a gross floor area (GFA) of over 1,000 square feet of a municipal, institutional, commercial, or industrial building, or a multi-family building with three or more dwelling units;
2. Exterior expansion by more than 1,000 square feet GFA of a municipal, institutional, commercial, or industrial building, or a multi-family building with three or more dwelling units;
3. Change of use within a municipal, institutional, commercial, or industrial building, or a multi-family building with three or more dwelling units, that requires either:
  - More than 5 additional parking spaces, or
  - Increased impervious surfaces other than building footprint (for example, additional loading areas, access driveways, paved parking spaces, sidewalks) totaling more than 1,000 square feet;
4. Construction or expansion of a parking lot proposing more than 5 new parking spaces for a municipal, institutional, commercial, or industrial building, or a multi-family building with three or more dwelling units.

For the purposes of computing the total gross floor area and total external changes and increases in parking spaces of a site plan, the Planning Board shall aggregate all such applications for building/special permits and/or site plan approval made within the five (5) previous calendar years.

Where provisions for site plan approval of specific uses and buildings exist elsewhere in the Westport Zoning By-Laws, the provisions of the pertinent section shall supersede the provisions of this section.

Site Plan Approval shall not be construed to supersede the exemptions granted by Section 3 of Mass. Gen. L Ch. 40A.

### 15.3 **WAIVER OF TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE.**

The Planning Board may, upon written request of the applicant, waive any of the technical requirements of Westport's Site Plan Approval Rules and Regulations and the procedures of this Bylaw, provided that the Board determines that such waiver is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Zoning By-law, or with the intent of Site Plan Approval.

**Section 2.** By amending the Table of Use Regulations to designate uses allowed by right with Site Plan Approval of the Planning Board by replacing every instance of "SPA-PB" with "Y SPA-PB", except where

"SPA-PB" is appears in conjunction with SPBA or SPPB.

PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 19.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 19 carried by 2/3 vote.

### **Article 20**

To see if the Town will vote to allow Open Space Residential Development by right by amending the Westport Zoning By-Laws as follows:

**Section 1.** To insert the following definition in Article 1, Section 1.1 Definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order:

**Open Space Residential Development (OSRD)** - A residential development of one-family and two-family dwellings in which the buildings and accessory uses are grouped together with reduced lot sizes into one or more areas. The land not include in the building lots shall be permanently protected as open space. The design of the development shall be in accordance with the four-step design process described in Article 18 of these by-laws.

**Section 2.** By adding the new Article 18 OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (OSRD) as follows or take any other action relative thereto:

### **ARTICLE 18**

#### **OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (OSRD)**

##### **18.0 PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose of Article 18 of the Westport Zoning By-Law is to allow Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) upon review and approval of the Planning Board ("the Board") pursuant to sections 81K to 81GG of General Law Ch. 41 The Subdivision Control Law), and in accordance with the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, as a flexible alternative to

conventional subdivision.

The intent of Westport's OSRD By-Law is to:

- a. Encourage the permanent preservation and efficient stewardship of open space, agricultural land, forestry land, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources, including aquifers, waterbodies, riverine areas and wetlands, historical and archeological resources, passive recreational areas, and scenic areas;
- b. Protect drinking water supplies;
- c. Facilitate the siting and construction of innovative and shared septic systems that will provide more effective treatment and cleaner effluent;
- d. Minimize the total amount of disturbance on the site;
- e. Encourage a less sprawling and more efficient form of development that consumes less open land and conforms to existing topography and natural features better than a conventional or grid subdivision;
- f. Perpetuate the appearance of Westport's traditional New England landscape;
- g. Allow for greater flexibility and creativity in the design of residential developments;
- h. Promote more sensitive siting of buildings and better overall site planning;
- i. Protect the value of real property;
- j. Allow landowners a reasonable return on their investment; and
- k. Facilitate the construction and maintenance of streets and utilities, and the provision of public services in a more economical and efficient manner.
- l. Generally encourage more sustainable development using recognized principles such as low Impact Development and Smart Growth.

## **18.1 APPLICABILITY AND ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible for consideration as an OSRD, the tract to be subdivided must meet all of the following criteria.

### **Minimum Size of Tract:**

The tract to be subdivided (which may consist of more than one contiguous parcel) shall contain a minimum of five (5) total acres.

### **Location:**

The Zoning Districts in which OSRD's may be permitted by the Board are noted in the Table of Use Regulations of these Zoning By-Laws.

The entire tract shall be located within the Town of Westport.

The Board may, in its sole discretion, permit lots on directly opposite sides of a street to qualify as a single tract of land for OSRD purposes only. In order to allow such qualification of a tract of land divided by a street, the Board must find that this action is consistent with and enhances the purpose and intent of the OSRD By-Law and would not result in any more dwelling units than would be allowable under the Westport Zoning By-Law and the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land if the lots on either side of the street were developed separately.

### **Land Division:**

The tract may be a subdivision or a division of land pursuant to G.L. c.41, section 81-P.

### **Dwelling Type:**

The proposed dwelling types shall be single-family or two-family dwellings, or a mix thereof.

## **18.2 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

All applications for OSRD Approval shall be submitted to the Board and shall be reviewed by the Board following normal procedures as established by Chapter 41, Sections 81K-81GG "The Subdivision Control Law" and the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, as each may be amended from time to time. The Board may approve, approve with conditions, or deny an application for an OSRD after assessing whether the OSRD better promotes the intent of this By-Law than a conventional subdivision.

## **18.3 PRE-APPLICATION**

The applicant is encouraged to request a pre-application review at a regular meeting of the Board. The Board may invite representatives from other boards and commissions, such as the Conservation Commission and Board of Health to attend. The purpose of a pre-application review is to minimize the applicant's costs of engineering and other technical expenses by commencing discussion with the Board at the earliest possible stage in the development. At the pre-application review, the applicant may outline the proposed OSRD and seek preliminary, but not binding, feedback from the Board and other Town bodies and staff. This process will streamline administration of the application, enhance communication and coordination among Town departments, and save the Town time and money.

## **18.4 DESIGN PROCESS**

### **Schematic Drawings from the Four-Step Design Process.**

Each development plan shall follow a Four-Step Design Process, as described below. From the beginning of the submittal and review process, applicants shall demonstrate to the Planning Board, through schematic drawings, that these four design steps were followed by their site designers in determining the layout of their proposed streets, house lots, and open space.

- a. **Designating the Open Space.** First, the open space is identified. The open space shall include, to the extent feasible, the most sensitive and noteworthy natural, scenic, and cultural resources on the property. Such items may include without limit: specimen trees, stone walls, archaeological features, unique habitats, plant communities, distinctive vistas, wetlands and riverine areas, or other areas of special natural, cultural or recreational interest.
- b. **Location of House Sites.** Second, potential house sites are tentatively located. House sites should be located not closer than 100 feet to wetlands areas, but may be situated within 50 feet of open space areas, in order to enjoy views of the latter without negatively impacting the former.
- c. **Street and Lot Layout.** Third, align the proposed streets to provide vehicular access to each house in the most reasonable and economical way, in conformance with existing natural landforms. When lots and access streets are laid out, they shall be located in a way that avoids or at least minimizes adverse impacts on open space. To the greatest extent practicable, wetland crossings and streets traversing existing slopes over 15% shall be strongly discouraged.
- d. **Lot Lines.** Fourth, draw in the lot lines. These are generally drawn midway between house locations, in a manner that meets the lot requirements below.

## **18.5 GENERAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**



### **18.5.1 Application Form**

Applications for OSRD's shall be submitted on a form provided by the Board.

### **18.5.2 Concept Plan**

In addition to the requirements set forth in the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land, an application shall include a Concept Plan and a Yield Plan. The Concept Plan shall address the general features of the land; give approximate configurations of the lots, open space and roadways; and include the information required for a preliminary plan in the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. The concept plan shall incorporate the Four-Step Design Process above, and the Design Standards below, to propose a conceptual design for the development. Production of the Concept Plan by a Registered Landscape Architect is strongly encouraged.

### **18.5.3 Yield Plan**

The basic number of units shall be determined by the number of lots shown on a preliminary subdivision plan conforming to the requirements of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. Such preliminary plan shall include a perimeter survey prepared by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor, location of wetlands delineated by a wetlands scientist, and topography based, at a minimum, on the most recent USGS topography map. The applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board and its consulting engineer that the preliminary plan is buildable without reliance on waivers of the subdivision regulations, without multiple wetlands crossings, and without extraordinary engineering techniques.

### **18.5.4 Other Information**

The submittals required by this by-law are in addition to any other requirements of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land or by other sections of the Westport Zoning By-Laws.

## **18.6 SITE VISIT**

The Board and/or its agents may conduct site visits either at the pre-application stage or during the public hearing. The applicant and/or his agents are encouraged to attend.

## **18.7 REDUCTION OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Board may authorize modification of lot size, shape, width, and other dimensional requirements for lots within an OSRD, subject to the following limitations:

	<b>Zoning District</b>	
<b>Dimensional Requirements</b>	<b>Residence/ Agricultural, Unrestricted</b>	<b>Residence/ Agricultural, Unrestricted</b>
	<b>Business,</b>	<b>Business,</b>
	Single-Family	Two-Family
Minimum Lot Area (sq.ft.)	20,000	30,000
Minimum Lot Area of Upland (sq.ft.)	20,000	30,000
Minimum Lot Frontage (ft.)	80	120
Minimum Front Yard Width (ft.)	50	50
Minimum Front Setback (ft.)*	25	25

Minimum Side Setback (ft.)	10	10
Minimum Rear Setback (ft.)	25	25
Maximum Lot Coverage		

The Board may, in its sole discretion, allow one (1) additional building lot where the applicant proposes to use decentralized Innovative/Alternative (I/A) Treatment system(s), or decentralized "localized" treatment system(s) (typically for flows over 10,000 gallons per day), that significantly reduce bacterial and nutrient discharge to the environment (as compared with conventional onsite septic systems), and that are acceptable to the Westport Board of Health and to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

There shall be a minimum building location area on each lot where a circle having a diameter equal to the required lot frontage in feet can be placed. Such circle shall contain an area of land that, in the opinion of the Board, provides a suitable dwelling site.

Lots having reduced area or frontage in accordance with the above table shall not have frontage on a street other than a street created through the OSRD application; provided, however, that the Board may waive this requirement where it is determined that such reduced lot(s) are consistent with existing development patterns in the neighborhood.

## **18.8 OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS**

### **18.8.1 Area Requirements**

A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the parcel shown on the development plan shall be open space and shall exclude required yards. No more than 30% of such open space shall be wetland resource areas, as defined pursuant to Mass. General Law Ch. 131, §40.

The open space shall be contiguous. Contiguous shall be defined as being connected. Such open space may, however, be separated by the roadways or accessory amenities constructed within the OSRD. The Planning Board may waive this requirement for all or part of the required open space if it determines that allowing non-contiguous open space will promote the goals of this By-Law.

### **18.8.2 Uses and Restrictions**

The required open space shall be used for conservation, historic preservation, environmental education, passive recreation, aquifer recharge, park purposes, agriculture, horticulture, forestry, or for a combination of these uses, and shall be served by suitable access if necessary for such purposes. No commercial use shall be made of the required open space.

The open space shall be arranged so as to achieve the preservation or other objective for which it is intended. Based on the resources identified in step one of the four-step design process, the Board may restrict the use of open space to one or more of the above uses, in order to meet the intent of this by-law. Where open space is used for shared wastewater treatment facilities, the use of said open space is subject to Title V restrictions. The Board may permit up to 10% of the open space to be paved or built upon for structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of such open space (e.g. pedestrian walks and bike paths).

Any proposed open space shall be subject to a recorded restriction enforceable by the Town or a non-profit organization the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, providing that such land shall perpetually be kept in an open state, that it shall be preserved exclusively for the purposes set forth herein, and that it shall be maintained in a manner which will ensure its suitability for its intended purposes. Where common open space and/or other shared facilities, including without limit septic systems and trails are to be owned by the homeowners in an OSRD, they shall be subject to a Homeowner's Agreement and deed restrictions as deemed necessary by, and recommended and/or approved by Town Counsel and to ensure their maintenance.

The Board may allow stormwater management systems serving the OSRD to be located

within the open space, where care is taken to avoid placing them near sensitive natural or cultural resources. Surface systems, such as retention and detention ponds shall not qualify towards the minimum open space required.

Wastewater shall be managed in accordance with Title V, Town By-Laws, and the regulations of the Westport Board of Health. Where town sewer is available nearby, the OSRD shall be connected at the applicant's expense to that system. Where town sewer is not available, septic systems may be installed on individually owned lots. Where this arrangement cannot be met, alternatives such as shared septic designs may be proposed in consultation with the Board of Health. In the case of shared systems, the wastewater system may be located in the open space, when the Planning Board finds such arrangement will enhance the purpose and intent of the OSRD.

For on-site and shared systems, decentralized Innovative/Alternative (I/A) Treatment system(s), or decentralized "localized" treatment system(s) (typically for flows over 10,000 gallons per day), that significantly reduce bacterial and nutrient discharge to the environment (as compared with conventional onsite septic systems), and that are acceptable to the Westport Board of Health and to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection are preferred.

### **18.8.3 Ownership of Open Space**

The open space shall, at the Board's election, be conveyed to:

- The Town or its Conservation Commission;
- A non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space and any of the purposes for such open space set forth above;
- A corporation or trust owned jointly or in common by the owners of lots within the OSRD. If such corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyance of the lots in perpetuity. Maintenance of the open space and facilities shall be permanently guaranteed by such corporation or trust that shall provide for mandatory assessments for maintenance expenses to each lot. Each such trust or corporation shall be deemed to have assented to allow the Town to perform maintenance of the open space and facilities, if the trust or corporation fails to provide adequate maintenance, and shall grant the town an easement for this purpose. In such event, the town shall first provide fourteen (14) days written notice to the trust or corporation as to the inadequate maintenance, and, if the trust or corporation fails to complete such maintenance, the town may perform it. The owner of each lot shall be deemed to have assented to the town filing a lien against each lot in the development for the full cost of such maintenance, which liens shall be released upon payment to the town of same. Each individual deed, and the deed or trust or articles of incorporation, shall include provisions designed to effect these provisions. Documents creating such trust or corporation shall be submitted to the Planning Board for approval, and shall thereafter be recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

## **18.9 DESIGN STANDARDS**

The following design standards shall apply to all OSRD's and shall govern the design and development process.

- The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practicable, by minimizing tree and soil removal. Any grade changes shall be in keeping with the general appearance of the neighboring developed areas. Individual building sites shall be designed to maintain existing topography and cover. Topography, tree cover, and natural drainage ways shall be treated as fixed determinants of road and lot configuration rather than as malleable elements that can be changed to follow a preferred development scheme.

- Streets shall be designed and located in such a manner as to maintain and preserve natural topography, significant landmarks, and trees; to minimize cut and fill; and to preserve and enhance views and vistas on or off the subject parcel.
- The removal or disruption of significant historic, archaeological, or traditional uses, structures, or architectural elements shall be avoided or minimized insofar as practicable, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.
- A buffer area of 50 feet shall normally be provided at the perimeter of the property where it abuts residentially zoned and occupied properties. No vegetation in this buffer area will be disturbed, destroyed or removed, except for normal maintenance of structures and landscapes approved as part of the project. Where the Planning Board determines that a smaller buffer (or no buffer) will suffice to accomplish the objectives set forth herein, the 50-foot buffer is not required. Where the development abuts or includes a body of water or wetlands, these areas and the 100-foot buffer to such areas shall be incorporated into the open space.
- Drainage. The Planning Board shall encourage the use of “soft” (non-structural) stormwater management techniques (such as vegetated swales) and other low-impact drainage techniques that reduce impervious surface and enable infiltration where appropriate, and are consistent with the drainage standards of the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land and other Town by-laws.
- Streets and Utilities. All streets and ways, whether public or private, and utilities shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. Variations shall be permitted by the Board on a finding that the objectives of this section are better served with such variations.

#### **18.10 REVIEW & DECISION OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Board shall review and process an OSRD application consistent with the procedures of MGL c. 41, Sections K-GG, and the Board's Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. The Board may approve, approve with conditions, or deny an application for an OSRD, after assessing whether the OSRD better promotes the objectives of this section than a conventional subdivision development.

#### **18.11 RELATION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

The submittals and permits of this section shall be in addition to any other requirements of the Subdivision Control Law or any other provisions of this Zoning By-Law. The Planning Board shall coordinate the review procedures and public hearing required for any application for an OSRD with the review procedures and public hearing required for approval of a conventional subdivision plan.

#### **18.12 SEVERABILITY**

If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this bylaw invalid, the remainder of the bylaw shall not be affected thereby. The invalidity of any section or sections or parts of any section or sections of this bylaw shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Westport Zoning Bylaw.

**Section 3.** By amending the Table of Use Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Laws to allow Open Space Residential Developments (OSRD's) as follows:

<b><u>Uses</u></b>	<b><u>Residential</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>
Open Space Residential Development	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>

PLANNING BOARD

Motion and second to call the question. The Moderator declared the motion carried by 2/3 vote.

VOTED: The Moderator declared Article 20 carried by 2/3/ vote.

This is to certify that the following Article was voted on at the Annual Town Meeting held May 1, 2007.

### Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Westport Zoning By-Laws by taking the following actions as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

#### **Section 1.**

To add Article **17 COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITIES** to the Westport Zoning By-Laws as follows:

### **ARTICLE 17**

### **COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITIES**

#### **17.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this by-law is to minimize the impacts of Wind Energy Facilities on the character of neighborhoods, property values, scenic, historic, and environmental resources of the Town and to protect health and safety while encouraging Wind Energy Facilities and limiting obstacles to their installation and use.

#### **17.1 APPLICABILITY**

Construction and use of a Wind Energy Facility, Meteorological Tower or any part thereof shall be permitted in all zoning districts subject to the requirements set forth in this by-law.

#### **17.2 DEFINITIONS**

##### **17.2.1 Wind Energy Facility:**

All equipment, machinery, and structures whether underground, on the surface, or overhead, used to collect, transmit, distribute, store, supply, or sell energy derived from wind, including but not limited to wind turbines (rotors, electrical generators and towers), anemometers (wind measuring equipment) transformers, substations, power lines, control and maintenance facilities, and site access and service roads.

##### **17.2.2 Wind Energy Facility, Commercial:**

A Wind Energy Facility that has a rated capacity of more than 60 kW.

##### **17.2.3 Wind Energy Facility, Non-Commercial:**

A Wind Energy Facility that has a rated capacity of less than or equal to 60 kW.

##### **17.2.4 Shared Wind Energy Facility:**

A Wind Energy Facility that serves multiple properties held under separate ownership.

##### **17.2.5 Wind Turbine:**

A device for converting wind energy to mechanical, electrical or another form of energy.

#### **17.2.6 Tower:**

The monopole, freestanding, or guyed structure that supports a wind turbine.

#### **17.2.7 Meteorological Tower (Met Tower):**

Meteorological tower (Met Tower): Includes the tower, base plate, anchors, guy cables and hardware, anemometers (wind speed indicators), wind direction vanes, booms to hold equipment, anemometers and vanes, data logger, instrument wiring, and any telemetry devices that are used to monitor or transmit wind speed and wind flow characteristics over a period of time for either instantaneous wind information or to characterize the wind resource at a given location.

#### **17.2.8 Tower Height:**

The vertical distance from ground level to the highest point of the tower.

#### **17.2.9 Total Height:**

The vertical distance from ground level to the tip of a Wind Turbine blade when it is at its highest point.

### **17.3 REQUIREMENTS**

The requirements of this Section 17.3, with the exception of 17.3.5 and 17.3.6, shall apply to both Towers and Met Towers.

#### **17.3.1 Mounting and engineering Requirements.**

Wind turbines and associated tower-mounted components shall be mounted only on a guyed, monopole or lattice structure. The applicant shall provide engineered drawings, plans and supporting data for the tower and tower foundations as well as a site plan depicting location of the Wind Energy Facility relative to property lines, buildings and other structures to the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer. Where a special permit and/or Site Plan Approval are required, the applicant shall submit said documents to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Said plans, drawings and supporting data shall be prepared and stamped by the appropriate registered professional engineer licensed in the state of Massachusetts. Site Plans showing setbacks from property boundaries shall be prepared and stamped by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor licensed in Massachusetts. The Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Planning Board may require peer review of the engineering at the applicant's sole expense.

#### **17.3.2 Maximum Height.**

The Total Height of the Wind Energy Facility shall not exceed 190 feet. A Wind Energy Facility with Tower Height over 140 feet in height may be allowed by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

#### **17.3.3 Lighting.**

Tower lighting shall not be permitted. If the FAA requires lighting of a proposed tower because of its height, the height shall be reduced to eliminate the need for lighting.

#### **17.3.4 Setback Requirements.**

Towers shall be set back from property lines a distance equal to the Total Height. Upon provision by the applicant of a recordable easement from an abutting property owner(s) that is satisfactory to the appropriate Permitting Authority (Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement

Officer for facilities allowed as a matter of right) or Special Permit Granting Authority (Zoning Board of Appeals for those requiring a special permit), that Authority may allow a reduction in property line setback to such abutting property.

**17.3.5 Density.**

A maximum of two (2) wind turbines will be allowed on a lot. A special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be required for more than two (2) wind turbines.

**17.3.6. Shared Wind Energy Facility.**

A special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be required for a Shared Wind Energy Facility. The applicant(s) shall submit for review and approval legal agreements providing for the repair and maintenance of the shared facility.

**17.3.7 Discontinuance.**

A Wind Energy Facility that is out-of-service for a continuous 24-month period shall be deemed to have been discontinued. Upon receipt of a Notice of Discontinuance from the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer, the owner shall have the right to respond to the Notice of Discontinuance within 30 days from receipt. The Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer shall withdraw the Notice of Discontinuance and notify the owner that the Notice has been withdrawn if the owner provides information that demonstrates that the Wind Energy Facility has not been discontinued. If the Wind Energy Facility is determined to be discontinued, the owner of the Wind Energy Facility shall remove the system at the owner's sole expense within three months of receipt of the Notice of Discontinuance. Failure to remove the system within said time period may subject the owner to action by the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer under the Non-criminal Disposition provisions of Mass. Gen. Law Ch. 40, Section 21D and section 3702 of the general By-Laws and Regulations of the Town of Westport. The Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer may impose fines not exceeding three hundred dollars per day until the discontinued Wind Energy Facility is removed.

**17.3.8 Tower Access.**

The tower shall be designed and installed so as not to provide step bolts or a ladder readily accessible to the public for a minimum height of 12 feet above the ground.

**17.3.9 Tower Uses.**

Towers permitted for Wind Energy Facilities shall not be used for any purpose inconsistent with the definition of a Wind Energy Facility.

**17.3.10 Color.**

Wind Energy Facilities shall be of neutral color, to minimize visual impact.

**17.4 SEVERABILITY.**

The invalidity of any section, subdivision, paragraph or other part of this by-law shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the by-law.

**Section 2.**

To amend the Table of Use Regulations of the Westport Zoning By-Laws to allow Commercial and Non-Commercial Wind Energy Facilities as follows:

<u>Uses</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>
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Meteorological Tower (Met Tower)	Y	Y	Y
Wind Energy Facility, Commercial	SPBA SPA-PB	SPBA SPA-PB	SPBA SPA-PB
Wind Energy Facility, Commercial, with Tower Height over 140 feet	SPBA SPA-PB	SPBA SPA-PB	SPBA SPA-PB
Wind Energy Facility, Non-Commercial	Y	Y	Y
Wind Energy Facility, Non-Commercial with Tower Height over 140 feet	SPBA	SPBA	SPBA
Shared Wind Energy Facilities	SPBA	SPBA	SPBA
Wind turbines, three or more on one parcel	SPBA	SPBA	SPBA

**Section 3.** To amend Article 4 Use Regulations as follows:

To add in Section 4.0.1 Residence/Agriculture Districts, after Section 4.0.1.D.8 (Bed and Breakfast), Section 4.0.1.D.9 as follows:

9. Wind Energy Facility, Commercial
10. Wind Energy Facility, Commercial or Non-Commercial, with Tower Height over 140 feet
11. Shared Wind Energy Facilities
12. Wind turbines, three or more on one parcel

To add in Section 4.0.2. Business District, after Section 4.0.2.C.1. (Place of amusement), Section 4.0.2.C.2 as follows:

2. Wind Energy Facility, Commercial.
3. Wind Energy Facility, Commercial or Non-Commercial, with Tower Height over 140 feet
4. Shared Wind Energy Facilities
5. Wind Turbines, three or more on one parcel

To add in Section 4.0.3 Unrestricted District, after Section 4.0.3.C, section 4.0.3. D. as follows:

4.0.3.D. Uses that may be permitted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with Section 2.4.2.1 of this By-Law:

1. Wind Energy Facility, Commercial
2. Wind Energy Facility, Commercial or Non-Commercial, with Tower Height over 140 feet
3. Shared Wind Energy Facilities
4. Wind Turbines, three or more on one parcel

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 21. VOTED: Unanimously.

**Article 22**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money for the purchase and installation of a wind turbine for the Westport Town Hall, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Motion and second to take \$64,400 from the Stabilization Fund.

Motion and second to amend the amount of \$64,400 to \$63,400 from Stabilization Fund.  
VOTED: Unanimously.

VOTED: to accept Article 22 with the amended amount of \$63,400 from the Stabilization Fund.



Carried. Yes: 240 No: 63

### Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or transfer from within existing appropriations a sum of \$20,000 to be used for the engineering services, repair, resurfacing, reconstruction, drainage, and maintenance of Town roads, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT/BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept Article 23 with \$20,000 from Free Cash. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion made to reconsider Article 22 at this time and was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

### Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Harbor Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Salaries	\$ 48,496
Expenses	60,299
Capital Outlay	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$ 118,795

And that \$118,795 be raised as follows:

User Charges	\$108,795
Municipal Waterways	<u>10,000</u>
Total	\$118,795

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/HARBORMASTER/WHARFINGER

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 26. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Waterline Enterprise, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Expenses	<u>\$60,000</u>
Total	\$60,000

And that \$60,000 be raised as follows: Department Receipts \$60,000.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 27. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves account for the maintenance and upkeep of cemeteries, avenues, paths and structures situated therein, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 28. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion made to reconsider Article 22 at this time was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

### Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$18,000 from the Perpetual Care Interest Account for the purchase of tractors and associated equipment for the Cemetery Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 29. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$837.51 from FY2005 ATM Article #35 and \$1,050.00 from FY2007 ATM Article #31 for the repair and purchase of equipment for the Cemetery Department, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 30. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$30,000 from receipts reserved for the purpose of closure costs and environmental monitoring expenses at the Landfill Site, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 31. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from FY2006 STM Article #4 for the purpose of purchasing a new container for the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 32. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY08 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2008; and further to reserve for future appropriation: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, a sum of money for acquisition preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources, and a sum of money for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums on money for Community Preservation projects or purposes, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Motion to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund's annual revenues and available funds the amount recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation. The recommendations are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund Source</u>
Estuaries Project (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	\$ 60,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Town Hall Restoration (4 <sup>th</sup> year)	60,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Life Saving Station Restoration	50,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Waite-Potter House Restoration	15,200	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues

Historic Photo Collection	2,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Perry Property Acquisition	200,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
HPC New Site Project Costs	42,750	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Community Housing Reserve	80,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Open Space Reserve	69,050	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues
Administrative Account	21,000	FY08 CPA Fund Revenues

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 33. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 35

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or Municipal Waterways Funds a sum of \$30,000 for the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the Shellfish Department, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 35 with \$30,000 from the Municipal Waterways Fund. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or Municipal Waterways Funds a sum of \$4,500 for the purchase of a new outboard motor for the Shellfish Department, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 36 with \$4,500. from the Municipal Waterways Fund. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 37

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$6,000 to refurbish the Community Center Hall and exterior stage, and replacing basketball backboards in the Community Center, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 37 with \$6,000. from Free Cash.  
VOTED: Unanimously

Motion and second to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 10:03 p.m. until tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.  
VOTED: Unanimously.

There were 415 registered voters and 16 guests and press in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

**May 2, 2007**

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Moderator Steven Fors who appointed Lino Rego, Kenneth DeCosta and Robert McCarthy to act as Tellers and they were duly sworn by the Town Clerk. Beverly Kut acted as timekeeper for the meeting. All stood to salute the flag of our nation.

### Article 38

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of \$8,000 for follow-up environmental/maintenance work at the Westport Town Hall as required by the Department of Environmental Protection, and/or to take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to appropriate \$2,000 from Free Cash and \$6,000 from Taxation.

VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 39

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors to fund fees and expenses to update the Revaluation program mandated by Section 1 of Chapter 797 of the Acts of 1979 to place the Town on a 100% valuation assessment basis, and /or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Motion and second to pass over Article 39. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 40

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,875.00 necessary to pay for unused sick days as requested in accordance with various union contracts as follows:

Police Department	\$15,500.00
Town Hall, Cemetery, & Library Departments	<u>5,375.00</u>
	\$20,875.00

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Motion and second to pass over Article 40. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 41

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$40,000 necessary to provide for economic planning and coordination services, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

WESTPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Motion and second to pass over Article 41. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 42

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5L to allow members of Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservist and their dependents to defer payment of property taxes due, without interest and penalties, while such members are in active service outside the state, and for 180 days after that service, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 42. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 43

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by amending Section 5003 by deleting the date "November 1<sup>st</sup>" and inserting therein the date "February 1<sup>st</sup>", and/or take any other action relative thereto.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 43. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 44

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5300 (Demolition By-Law), Section 5303.2 which reads as follows:

5303.2 The commission shall notify the Building Inspector and the Applicant within 30 days of receipt of its copy of the application whether a) A demolition permit may be issued immediately, b) A demolition permit will be issued 180 days after the Committee's receipt of the application, if the Commission determines that the building is a Preferably Preserved Significant Building,.

and insert therein:

5303.2 The commission shall notify the Building Inspector and the Applicant within 30 days of receipt of its copy of the application whether a) A demolition permit may be issued by the Building Inspector without further consultation with the Historical Commission or b) A demolition permit may be issued up to and/or after 365 days of the Commission's receipt of the application if the Commission has determined at a public hearing that the building is a Preferably Preserved Significant Building; the Commission may shorten that time period if it determines that a shorter time period is appropriate, on a case by case basis, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Motion and second to amend 5303.2 by adding the words "in Historic Districts" in the second line, section b). VOTED: The amendment was defeated.

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 44. VOTED: Carried.

### Article 45

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A -Building Department, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Local Inspector	7C	N	Salary	PT

and inserting therein:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Local Inspector	7C	40	K-A	FT

and if necessary to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$23,278.00 to the Building Department budget therefore, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 45 with \$23,278 from Taxation.

VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 46

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A –Council on Aging, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
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Transportation Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT
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and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/COUNCIL ON AGING

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 46. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 47

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by adding under Schedule A – Housing Partnership Committee, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Recording Clerk	2	-20	Hourly	PT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD/HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 47. VOTED: Unanimously.

#### Article 48

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A –Police Department, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
E911 Dispatcher	2	37 1/2	K-A	FT

and inserting therein:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Police & Fire Signal Operator	2	37 1/2	K-A	FT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/POLICE CHIEF

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 48. VOTED: Lost.

#### Article 49

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A – Police Department, the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Administrative Assistant/ Communications Supervisor	2	35	Hourly	FT

and inserting therein:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Pay Basis</u>	<u>Type</u>
Police & Fire Signal Operator/ Supervisor/Secretary	2	35	K-A	FT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/POLICE CHIEF

Motion and second to pass over Article 49. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 50

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law by deleting under Schedule A –Fire Department, the following:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk	2	35	K-A	FT

and inserting therein:

Position	Group	Hours	Pay Basis	Type
Principal Clerk/Fire Signal Operator	2	35	K-A	FT

and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FIRE CHIEF

Motion and second to pass over Article 50. VOTED: Unanimously.

## Article 51

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws XXI Section 6. Fringe Benefits and Working Conditions Section A.5 Sick Leave by inserting the following language:

Any Employee upon completion of three (3) years of employment who maintains a minimum of 30 days of sick leave, may have the option to receive, at the end of the fiscal year, a dollar amount equal to 50% of unused sick days up to a maximum of nine (9) days, based upon the table below:

Sick Leave Used	Leave Cashed In	Cash-In Value
0 days	9 days	4½ days
1 day	8½ days	4¼ days
2 days	8 days	4 days
3 days	7½ days	3¾ days
4 days	7 days	3½ days
5 days	6½ days	3¼ days
6 days	6 days	3 days
7 days	5½ days	2¾ days
8 days	5 days	2½ days
9 days	4½ days	2¼ days
10 days	4 days	2 days
11 days	3½ days	1¾ days
12 days	3 days	1½ days
13 days	2½ days	1¼ days
14 days	2 days	1 day
15 days	1½ days	¾ day
16 days	1 day	½ day
17 days	½ day	¼ day
18 days	0 days	0 days

The decision to cash in sick time must be made by the employee by November 1<sup>st</sup>, for the prior fiscal year and payment shall be made during the last pay period of November. The employee shall also notify the department head of the anticipated cash-in days they will be utilizing from the current year to assist in budgeting, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: This article is not effective until FY09**

PERSONNEL BOARD

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 51. VOTED: Carried.

## Article 52

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws XXI Section 6. Fringe Benefits and Working Conditions Section A.5 Sick Leave by deleting the following paragraph:

Sick leave shall be granted for sickness or injury of the employee and for absence because of sickness or injury of the employee's parents, spouse, children, or other person actually residing in the employee's household and which necessitates the employee's absence.

and inserting therein:

Sick leave shall be granted for sickness or injury of the employee and for absence because of sickness or injury of the employee's parents, spouse, children, step-children, domestic partner, mother-in-law, father-in-law, which necessitates the employee's absence, regardless of residence, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 52. VOTED: Carried.

## Article 53

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Laws XXI Section 6. Fringe Benefits and Working Conditions Section C. Related Personnel Provisions by inserting the following language:

### 9. Education Reimbursement

The Town agrees to reimburse to employees fifty percent (50%) of the tuition costs, up to \$350.00 per year, for job related courses. Courses must be through an accredited institution, must be completed with at least a B grade and must be pre-approved by the Town in writing to be eligible for reimbursement. Such pre-approval shall not be withheld unreasonably, but may be withheld for valid reasons including, without limitation, that the course is not so job-related as to be of benefit to the Town.

Effective in Fiscal Year 2009, employees with five (5) years of continuous service with the Town shall be paid a career incentive on the 1<sup>st</sup> pay period in December each year as follows:

Level I – (\$100.00) – Upon completion of a certified course (not seminar) in a specific municipal field, or upon completion of a related “certificate” course (not seminar) at an accredited college with at least 9 credits.

Level II – (\$250.00) – Upon completion of 60 credits in a related field (i.e. Associates Degree.)

Level III – (\$400.00) – Upon completion of 120 credits in a related field (i.e. Bachelors Degree).

Any employee can only receive payment from one level. Such levels can be achieved prior to or during employment with the town. An employee may move from one level to the next but can only receive an incentive at that level and not a combination of levels, and/or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: This article is not effective until FY09.**

PERSONNEL BOARD

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 53. VOTED: Carried.

## Article 54

To see if the Town will vote to rescind acceptance of the provisions of Section 12B of M.G.L. Chapter 138 and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to pass over Article 54. VOTED: Unanimously.



### Article 55

To order the Selectmen of the Town of Westport to take any all actions necessary to vacate and abandon all claims of right and title, and to lands on the South side of Adamsville Road abutting property known as 350 Adamsville Road, more completely being described as Lot 19 on Map 81 of the Westport Assessors records; said lands being the part of the old layout of Adamsville Road as described in the Order of Taking recorded at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds Southern District in New Bedford, Massachusetts in Book 1291 page 466 and in Plan Book 57 page 33.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to pass over Article 55. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 56

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Jordan's Way and/or take any other action relative thereto

BY PETITION

Motion and second to accept the layout of Jordan's Way as a public way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport and the utilities within said way.

Motion and second to call the question. VOTED: Carried by 2/3 vote.

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 56. VOTED: Yes: 40 No: 78 Defeated.

Motion made to reconsider Article 56 was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

### Article 57

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Lighthouse Lane at its next annual Town Meeting, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to accept the layout of Lighthouse Lane as a public way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport and the utilities within said way.

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 57. VOTED: Carried.

### Article 58

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Spinnaker Way at its next annual Town Meeting, and or take any other action relative thereto.

BY PETITION

Motion and second to accept the layout of Spinnaker Way as a public way, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, land or rights in land within said way as so laid out, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Westport and the utilities within said way.

Motion and second to accept the provisions of Article 58. VOTED: Unanimously.

### Article 59

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to or from the Stabilization Fund and/or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion and second to pass over Article 59. VOTED: Unanimously.

Motion and second to adjourn and dissolve the Annual Town Meeting at 9:04 p.m. VOTED: Unanimously.

There were 145 registered voters and 5 guests and press in attendance.

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more copies in as many places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands at Westport this 18th day of April in the year two thousand seven.

Veronica F. Beaulieu, Chairwoman  
J. Duncan Albert, Vice-Chairman  
Steven J. Ouellette  
Robert P. Rebello  
Gary E. Mauk  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
April 23, 2007

I this 23rd day of April 2007, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall  
Lees Supermarket

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT**

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

## JUNE 26, 2007

To either of the Constables of the Town of Westport: GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to assemble at the respective polling places, namely:

PRECINCT A	American Legion Hall	489 Sanford Road
PRECINCT B	Town Hall Annex	856 Main Road (rear)
PRECINCT C	Alice A. Macomber School	154 Gifford Road
PRECINCT D	Fire Station	85 Briggs Road
PRECINCT E	Westport High School	19 Main Road

On Tuesday, the 26th day of June next, it being the Fourth Tuesday of the month, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to vote on the following questions, viz:

Question No. 1:

Shall the Town of Westport be allowed to assess an additional \$200,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for design and engineering services to establish detailed costs of a new south-end fire station to be located on town-owned land for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and seven?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

The polls will be open for balloting for the officers, or any questions contained on the official ballot at 10:00 a.m. and shall be closed at 8:00 p.m.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting five or more attested copies thereof in as many public places within said Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

Hereof and fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Westport this 7th day of May in the year two thousand seven.

Veronica F. Beaulieu, Chairwoman  
J. Duncan Albert, Vice-Chairman  
Steven J. Ouellette  
Robert P. Rebello  
Gary E. Mauk  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Marlene Samson  
Town Clerk  
Westport, MA 02790  
May 8, 2007

On this 8th day of May 2007, I posted 7 true attested copies of the forgoing warrant in the following named places:

Briggs Road Fire Station  
State Road Package Store  
Senior Center  
Central Village Fire Station  
Briere's Inc. a.k.a. Country Liquor & Variety  
Town Hall

Lees Supermarket

Daniel P. Sullivan  
Constable of Westport

**SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
Westport, Mass.  
JUNE 26, 2007**

Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the voters of the Town assembled at the polling places in their respective voting precincts on the above date. Ballots were given in for the following questions, assorted, counted and public declaration made thereof in open meeting, the total result of the balloting from the five precincts as certified by the Precinct Officers, being as follows:

**Question No. 1**

Yes, seven hundred ninety-nine	799
No, four hundred ninety-three	493
Blanks, one	1

A true record,  
Attest:

Marlene M. Samson  
Town Clerk



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT  
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

The Westport Agricultural Commission Hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2007. The organization is as follows:

**Members**

Barbara Hanley, Chair  
Duncan Albert, Secretary  
Ed Goldberg  
Ed Ferreira  
Phil Hudner

Karl Santos  
Susan Pedreira  
Jack Baughan  
Lee Tripp

The Trust Fund Council has met several times in the last year to consider Chapter 61A releases, as well as getting up dates on the several conservation projects that are in process.

Most recently, we voted to commit funds to secure a time-sensitive self-help grant from the Commonwealth that would allow the Town to purchase a conservation restriction on a 28-acre parcel in the Dunham's Brook area. The cost of the restriction is \$250,000, but the grant reduces the Town's cost to \$110,000. This

transaction is to be voted on for CPC funding at the next Town Meeting, but the Trust Fund commitment allowed us to secure the grant until that vote could be accomplished. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee also voted unanimously to approve the commitment of these funds.

The Trust Fund Council has a bond authorization of \$1.5 million, and none has been spent to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hanley, Chairperson

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BEACH COMMITTEE**

The Beach Committee respectfully submits its report for the year ending 12/31/07.

The Beach Committee held eleven meetings during 2007. The overriding concern of the Beach Committee was for the safe and efficient management of Cherry & Webb Town Beach. Jenna St. Martin was re-appointed Head Lifeguard. She was assisted by eight full and part time guards. All guards were provided with uniforms to make them swiftly and easily recognizable on a crowded beach. The lifeguard schedule was set up to accommodate bathroom and lunch breaks without compromising safety. The Beach Committee continues to work toward locating a shed with storage facilities and a composting toilet on Cherry & Webb Beach. Increased support between the Police Department and the Beach Committee resulted in a more regulated locking and unlocking of the Cherry & Webb parking lots. The incidences of vandalism and rowdyism were diminished in 2007. A proposal to install a light in the parking lot was sent to the Selectmen. A ballooned wheeled chair is available to assist any resident to reach Cherry & Webb Beach from the parking lot. The chair is kept at Town Hall until we acquire a shed at the beach. Requests for use of the chair can be made to the Beach Committee or the Board of Selectmen.

East Beach was a focus of attention this year. Once again, the beach is almost inaccessible to almost all residents, because of the shifting cobble. Each winter, the Highway Department scoops the cobble from the beach to build a four-foot high berm to protect East Beach Road from severe winter storms and Nor'easters. The Highway Department is restricted by various departments of the Commonwealth from using boulders or any other structures to impede the wave action. Cobble is permitted as past practice. But the use of cobble destroys the integrity of the beach and dissipates whatever sand may be there. The Beach Committee is faced with the dilemma of having a beach or having a road.

In December of 2006, the Beach Committee presented a list of recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding East Beach. An on site meeting of Beach Committee and Board of Selectmen revealed many problems along the entire East Beach shoreline. Days following the meeting, a Nor'easter hit the area and devastated East Beach, strewn sheds, decks, fences and cobble all over the area. The cleanup cost the Town thousands of dollars. The first recommendation of the Beach Committee's list is to move the road as far north of its present location as it can go, and reconfigure the parking lot to expand and improve the facility for Town residents.

In the meantime, the Beach Committee has submitted a proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the cost of two portable ramps to be installed at East Beach to allow all residents unchallenged access to the waters of East Beach. The Beach Committee is planning to meet with the Landing Commissioners to discuss questions of access and signage. The Beach Committee also plans to meet with the Dredging Committee to discuss the possibility of acquiring sand from the Town Dock Dredging Project for use on East Beach.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Carroll, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Board of Appeals respectfully submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2007. The organization of the Board is as follows:

### **Regular Members**

Clayton Harrison - Chairman  
Gerald Coutinho – Vice Chairman  
Donna Lambert – Clerk  
Kendal D. Tripp  
Christopher J. Graham

Term expires: 6/30/2009  
Term expires: 6/30/2012  
Term expires: 6/30/2010  
Term expires: 6/30/2011  
Term expires: 6/30/2008

### **Associate Members**

Both Associate Members did not seek re-appointment, thus leaving the Board of Appeals  
With no alternate members.

### **Principal Clerk**

Diane Pelland

During the calendar year, the Board conducted the following:

5 hearings for Variance Requests (3 were granted, 1 was denied and 1 was withdrawn)  
1 hearing for an Appeal of Determination (granted)

Also, during the year, two petitions, which were filed in 2006, were finalized. One petition was a request for a variance to demolish an existing building housing seven one-bedroom units and replacing the unit with seven detached one bedroom units, with the owner conveying all eleven units to a condominium trust; and a request for a variance to construct two forty (40') foot high wind turbines was withdrawn.

The Board would like to thank Diane Pelland for performing her duties as Principal Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton Harrison, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 2007 with organization as follows:

Mr. Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman  
Mr. John J. McDermott  
Mr. Robert Grillo

Mr. Paul A Matheson III, Assistant Assessor/Appraiser  
Ms. Sharon M. Potter, Office Manager  
Ms. Carol F. Tripp, Senior Clerk  
Ms. Katherine Nguyen, Senior Clerk

Tax Rate Summary for Fiscal 2008:

Fiscal 2008 Tax Rate \$5.56 per m.

I.	Tax Levy Calculation		
A.	Total amount to be raised		\$30,712,081.86
B.	Total Estimated Receipts & Available funds		12,449,057.51
C.	Tax Levy		\$18,263,024.35
II.	Amount to be Raised		
A.	Appropriations		\$29,737,366.51
B.	Other amounts to be raised:		
1.	Total cherry sheet offsets		140,381.00
2.	Overlay deficits of prior years		3,460.42
C.	State and County Cherry Sheet Charges		487,327.00
D.	Allowance for abatements and exemptions (overlay)		343,546.93
E.	Total Amount to be Raised		\$30,712,081.86
III.	Estimated Receipts and other Revenue Sources		
A.	Estimated receipts – State		
1.	Cherry Sheet estimated receipts		6,529,182.00
2.	Massachusetts School Building Authority payments		195,912.00
B.	Estimated Receipts-Local		
1.	Local receipts not allocated	3,642,500.00	
2.	Offset receipts	0.00	
3.	Enterprise funds	168,795.00	
4.	Community Preservation funds	600,000.00	
	Total III. B		\$ 4,411,295.00
C.	Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes		
1.	Free Cash	661,881.00	
2.	Other Available Funds	650,787.51	
	Total III. C		\$ 1,312,668.51
D.	Other Revenue Sources Appropriated Specifically to Reduce the Tax Rate		00.00
E.	Total Estimated Receipts and Other Sources		\$12,449,057.51
IV.	Summary of Total Amount to be Raised and Total Receipts from All Sources		
A.	Total amount to be raised		\$30,712,081.86
B.	Total estimated receipts and other Revenue Sources	\$12,449,057.51	
C.	Total Real and Personal Property Tax Levy	\$18,263,024.35	
D.	Total Receipts From All Sources	\$30,712,081.86	

Under General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 10, we classify property reportable to the State as follows:

Property Class	# of Parcels	Valuation as of 1/1/2007
101-Single Family	5548	2,433,611,900
102-Condominium	111	33,957,900
Misc-Res 103,109	155	127,519,900
104-Two Family	362	146,235,800
105-Three Family	13	4,857,800
111-125 4-8 Units	29	17,602,600
130-32&106 Vacant Land	1426	192,791,600
300-393 Commercial	262	134,593,580

400-452 Industrial	18	8,428,700
Ch 61 Forest Land	22	1,584,630
Ch 61A Agricultural	235	6,086,170
Ch 61B Recreational	19	5,986,780
012-048 Mixed Use	192	133,461,210
Total Real Estate	8392	3,246,718,570
Personal Property	992	11,421,790
Public Utilities	13	26,576,250
Total Personal Property	1005	37,998,040
Number of Transfers of Property in 2007	462	

### Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 2007

Number of Vehicles Assessed \$25. Per m.	19,947
Excise Assessed	\$1,936,537.91
Valuation of Automobiles	82,976,950

### Farm Animal Excise Tax

Number of Farms	20
Excise assessed \$5. Per m.	\$2,577.89
Valuation of Animals & Machinery	515,577

### Boat Excise Tax

Number of Boats	1590
Excise assessed \$10. Per m.	\$58,750.00
Valuation of Boats	5,857,000

We wish to tank the various departments in the Town Hall for their continued cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Medeiros, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board of Health respectively submits the following report for the year ending 2007.

### The Board of Health Organized as Follows

Sean M. Leach	Chairman
Dr. John J. Colletti	Vice-Chairman
Donna Lambert	Member



## Board of Health Department Staff & Appointees

James J. Walsh	Senior Public Health Agent/State Animal Inspector
John R. Swartz	Part-Time Health Agent
Raymond Belanger	Part-Time Health Agent
Nancy J. Paquet	Principal Clerk
Patricia Kershaw	Senior Clerk
Lucy Tabit	Recording Clerk
Raymond Larnier	Landfill Worker
Wayne Parisee	Landfill Worker
Anthony Amaral	Landfill Worker
Dr. Dennis Callen	Medical Advisor
Marlene Samson	Burial Agent/Special Board of Health Agent

## Board Of Health Nursing Department Staff

Kathleen Burns, R.N	Part-time Public Health Nurse
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## LICENSED FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Jonathan H. Potter Jr.  
Harry L. Potter  
Shane Erickson Potter

## Certificates, Licenses, Permits, & Applications Issued

Bakery Permits 3; Body Art Practitioners 6; Body Art Establishments 1; Bottled Water Permits 10; Catering Permits 6; Food Service Est. Permits 33; Frozen Dessert Permits 2; Mobile Food Service Permit 2; Pasteurization Permit 1; Residential Kitchen Permits 2; Retail Food Service Permits 26; Seasonal Food Service Permits 8; Temp. Food Service Permits 30; Above-Ground Pool Permits 15; Camps/Motels Permits 3; Duplicate Permit Issued 1; Equine Permits 26; Funeral Director Certificates 3; Garbage Removal Permits 2; In-Ground Pool Permits 12; Installer's Permits 65; Massage Establishment Permits 14; Massage Therapy Permits 13; Perc Applications-New Construction & Upgrades 72; Perc Applications-Repairs 109; Extra Perc Holes 44; 1-4 Piggery Permits 6; Piggery Permits 2; Port-a-Jon Permits 10; Septic Repair Permits Issued 120 (39 w/Variations); Septic Application Submission New Construction 84; Septic Application Submission Upgrade 4; Septic Application Submission Repairs 110; Septic Application Submission Minor Repair 11; Septic New Construction Permits Issued 83; Septic Upgrades Permits Issued 5; Septic Permits 1 Yr. Ext. Issued 1; Septic Plan Revision Reviews 21; Sewage Removal Permits 14; Stable Permits 16; Tanning Salon Permits 5; Tobacco Permits 28; Well Permits 93; Late Renewal Penalties 5; Tobacco Violation Tickets 5; Regulation Violation 1; Shell Permit 1.

## Animal Bite Reports

Dog bites:	9
Cat bites:	12

## Transfer Station Collections

697 tons of recyclables, which include cardboard, scrap metal, tin, magazine/junk mail, newspaper, plastics #1 & #2, glass and clothing. Payments totaling \$32,233 were received from the various recycling vendors during the year 2007. An additional 349 tons of recyclables were collected privately by ABC Disposal, Inc.

1,313 tons of Municipal Solid Waste/C&D were transferred to New Bedford Waste Services during 2007, which cost the Town \$115,321.

The Board meets every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Annex.

2007 was another busy year for the Board of Health as more and more development takes place in Town. In order to continue to protect the public health and environment, the Board of Health has successfully implemented its Septic System Pump-Out Program and continued its well water testing discount fee program. The credit for the success is due to the dedicated staff at the Board.

The Board continued to work to better protect and monitor the public health, safety and environment is for the Board of Health to strictly enforce existing regulations. This was done despite litigious action by several applicants.

Our Town Nurse, Kathy Burns, continues to provide excellent health services to those in need. Her dedication in planning and implementation for the possibility of a pandemic situation along with the Senior Health Agent, James Walsh, and Principal Clerk, Nancy Paquet will greatly improve the Town's ability to handle any overall emergency. Their work has expanded to an ongoing project to recruit volunteers under the Bristol County Medical Reserve Corp. with the aid of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea and BCMRC Coordinator, Cheryl Bushnell. In addition to other related work, our food establishment inspections have received a considerable boost from our Part-time Agent Raymond Belanger.

Board of Health Members and Agents actively served on other committees: Affordable Housing, Stormwater Management, Safety Complex, Homeland Security, Emergency Response, Estuary Committee, Water & Sewer Committee, Cemetery Task Force and Municipal Wellness Grant Steering Committee.

The Transfer Station Staff, Raymond Lerner, Wayne Parisee, and Anthony Amaral continue to make improvements to the facility and increase the Town's revenue from recycling, as well as providing service to the public and working with various Town agencies on special projects.

In regular business, the Board continued their work reviewing septic repairs, upgrades, and new construction applications (approximately 198 during the year). Overall, road kill remains a time-consuming endeavor, and the Board still considers pursuing an animal control officer position.

## Board of Health Goals

The Board has set goals for the upcoming years, which it views as dealing with high priority issues. Among these goals are:

- 1) To address problem areas in the health regulation and by-laws, especially in anticipation of state mandates;
- 2) To increase recycling and composting efforts;
- 3) To increase disease prevention, awareness and preparedness;
- 4) To improve compliance with public health regulations by increasing fines to violators; and
- 5) To maintain a stronger presence in the community to promote, monitor, and improve the public health and welfare by:
  - a) Protecting valuable water resources through the promulgation of regulations aimed at exceeding minimal standards,
  - b) Improving the ability of the Board to protect public health through increasing the professionalism of the office, and the knowledge and awareness of the staff and Board members and coordinating with other Town departments.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank the Board of Health staff, Town Nurse, Transfer Station workers and my fellow Board members. They continue to serve the Town well through their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean Leach, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH NURSING DEPARTMENT**

I hereby submit the report for the Nursing Department for the year 2007.

### Group of Professional Personnel

Kathleen Burns R.N.	Part-Time Staff Nurse
Dennis Callen	Medical Advisor
Jean Leimert, M.D	Well Child Clinic Pediatrician
Carmen Maiocco	Lead Testing

### Clinic Volunteers

Germaine Baker  
Jeanne Aquilia

Nursing services Rendered from 1/1/07 through 12/31/07

### Office Visits and Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinic/ Walk-Ins	603
Flu shots	540
Mantoux Tests	16
B12 Injections	116
Glucose Screenings	09
Blood Pressure Clinic @ Senior Center	131
Other Injections Per Physician Order	05

### Adult Immunizations

Measles, Mumps and Rubella	07
Tetanus and Diphtheria	09
Hepatitis B	15
Pneumonia	08
Hepatitis A	04
Varivax	01
IPV	01

### Adolescent Immunizations

Hepatitis A	01
Tetanus & Diphtheria & Pertussis	11

IPV  
MMR

02  
02

### Communicable Disease Cases and Case Reports: 84

The cases and reports included Lyme Disease, Pertussis, Hepatitis B & C, Streptococcus Pneumonia, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, Strep A Influenza, Viral Meningitis and Enteric Diseases

### Well Child Clinic

Total Exams	11
D.T.A.P. Vaccine	04
M.M.R. Vaccine	02
Pevnar Vaccine	04
I.P.V. Vaccine	04
H.I.B. Vaccine	04
Hepatitis B Vaccine	04
Rotavirus Vaccine	02
Varicella Vaccine	02

Home Visits 41

WIC Satellite Program held monthly

Durable Medical Equipment – The Town Nurse accepts donations of equipment to loan to others in need.

Deposits to Treasurer: \$7,544.80

Health promotion, illness prevention, and health protection are the core functions of the Community Health Nurse. A focus on health and wellness, rather than illness is the basis of all CHN work. Clerical duties, vaccine management, vaccine distribution, referrals, sharps disposal, and participating in community health meetings are also the Westport Town Nurse's responsibilities. A WHS student interned here for a few months to complete her credits to graduate. Educational conferences attended this year included Immunization updates, Emergency Planning, Behavioral Health Disaster Response Course, MA Pandemic conference, and Pertussis updates. Services provided include:

1). Blood Pressure Clinics: scheduled for every Monday morning. Clients also come in at other times for blood pressure readings. BP clinics include education on medication, nutrition, and healthy life styles. Apical pulse readings and lung auscultation are also performed as needed. Doctors also recommend having their clients come in for several BP readings to evaluate the need for or change in cardiovascular medications. Chronic diseases, which include cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes, are among the most common and preventable health problems. Teaching healthy behaviors (e.g. eating nutritious foods, being physically active and avoiding tobacco use) can prevent or control chronic diseases.

2). Communicable disease case investigations and case reports: mandated by the MDPH, are an important part of the town nurse's duties. These reports help document and describe the extent of disease in a population, spread of disease to new areas, and assess control measures. During the investigation, education and support are provided to the client. At risk contacts are also identified in order to prevent further transmission of the disease.

3). Well-Child Clinic: This clinic was dissolved after many successful years. This was due to the decrease in the number of uninsured children, the increase in the number of vaccines given over the first few

years of life, the private physicians wanting their clients to have all check-ups with them, and cost effectiveness.

4). Immunizations: Through the MDPH, the Town Nurse is able to offer state-supplied vaccines for high-risk adults. Also, most vaccines required for college entry are available. There are patient eligibility criteria for the administration of these vaccines. Tetanus boosters and pneumonia vaccines are always available. Vaccination provides partial or complete protection against the consequences of infection for the vaccinated person. Benefits include protection from symptomatic illness, improved quality of life, and prevention of death. Standing order forms and Provider enrollment forms are necessary to receive vaccines.

5). Flu Clinics: The entire allotment of 540 doses of flu vaccine was given out to Westport residents by scheduling appointments over several days. Two smaller clinics for the day-care clients at the senior center were also provided. The residents have expressed that the appointments are better than a large flu clinic.

In the 2007-2008 flu season, the Nursing Department again participated in Medicare Part B Administration Reimbursement Program, which will be done electronically for the first time this year. The vaccine is provided free from the MDPH. The administration reimbursement fee for 2007-2008 is \$19.72. The fee charge for those under 65 years was \$10.00. The total amount from the fee charge was \$1,490.00, which was deposited in the General Fund. No one was denied the flu vaccine because of inability to pay.

6). Emergency Preparedness: The Board of Health and Town Nurse have attended many Pandemic meetings and participated in two EDS drills sponsored by the Greater Fall River Medical Reserve Corp, which aids us in funding, training, and education. The Westport High School has been designated as the Westport EDS site. The Board of Health and the Town Nurse are actively pursuing volunteers from Westport to participate in the MRC. The volunteers are needed from all walks of life. "The MRC trains people to provide critical health and supporting services during a bioterrorism event, public health emergency, or ongoing public health program."

Special thanks to the Board of Health staff and my faithful volunteers for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Burns, R.N.



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

### **Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners**

Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman

Gregory D. Dorrance

Christine A. Fagan

Joseph Barile

On June 30, 2007 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project completed forty-eight years of service to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The Mosquito Control Project works year-round in its efforts to reduce mosquito breeding sites and adult mosquito populations. The Project uses several different measures of control in its never-ending fight against mosquitoes.

Spring and Summer Larviciding - To reduce the emergence of adult mosquitos in areas where

mosquito larvae is present.

**Catch Basin Treatment** - To stop mosquito emergence from rain-filled catch basins and storm drains.

**Mosquito Surveillance Program** - To monitor mosquito populations as to their type and number – a program necessary in encephalitis surveillance. Light trapping of mosquitoes is also useful to determine what areas have nuisance populations of mosquitoes.

**Water Management** - A year round endeavor to clean and maintain mosquito drainage ditches in areas to reduce standing water conducive to mosquito larvae.

**Public Outreach** - Providing important information to the residents of the county with respect to personal protection against mosquito bites, mosquito breeding prevention on one's property and mosquito data.

It is the policy of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project to use pesticides that are environmentally sensitive so that they do not negatively impact people or the environment. We use as many of the biological insecticides as are practical with the environmental conditions present in the New England area.

All of our spray equipment is calibrated periodically in order to ensure that dosage rates remain at legal levels but are adequate to reduce mosquito populations. The operators of our spray equipment are state licensed pesticide applicators that are required to attend classes on pesticide safety on a yearly basis.

During the time period January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in Westport:

- Sprayed over 7,243.1 acres
- Treated 34.3 acres in 36 locations with BTI for mosquito larvae
- Received 554 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 7,000 feet of brush
- 2,638 feet of tractor work
- Treated 455 catch basins

The Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in a cooperative effort with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health – State Laboratory Institute has been trapping mosquitoes throughout Bristol County and sending the collections to the State Virus Lab.

I would like to thank the Town officials and the people of Westport for their continued support and cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year. Should anyone have a question as to what might be done to relieve a mosquito problem in their area, whether it is water management work, treatment of a breeding site, or just having an area checked, please feel free to call our office at 508-823-5253.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne N. Andrews, Superintendent

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS**

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Buildings for the year ending December 31, 2007.

A total of 724 building permits were issued. The total valuation for all permits was \$35,009,238. Seventy-one woodstove, fireplace and chimney permits were processed valued at \$316,830.

67      Single Family Dwellings (with or w/o Garage) \$ 16,832,715

5	Single Family Dwellings – Senior (w/Garage).....	790,740
16	Single Family Dwellings – Condo.....	2,114,205
1	Duplex.....	236,000
99	Foundations.....	1,360,000
8	Accessory Apartments.....	733,470
58	Alterations and Additions.....	3,977,107
23	Garages (with or w/o additions).....	1,309,423
50	Renovations and Repairs.....	1,854,440
2	Pergolas,	
	Gazebos.....	40,000
45	Decks and Porches.....	544,165
8	Greenhouses & Sunrooms.....	187,675
43	Sheds & Barns.....	1,375,150
15	Aboveground Pools.....	60,505
12	Inground Pools.....	348,475
26	Demolitions.....	N/V
4	Municipal/State.....	4,000
44	Commercial.....	870,050
3	Clubs, Organizations, Churches, Non-profit.....	19,000
2	Relocated Buildings.....	147,200
5	Repair Fire Damage.....	487,000
59	Replacement Windows.....	514,576
39	Siding.....	297,580
83	Roof Shingles.....	615,371
5	Windtowers.....	290,391
2	Tank Removals.....	N/V
	<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>\$35,009,238</b>

Yard Sale Permits (84 Days).....\$252

Fees to Treasurer.....\$122,148  
(Including Building Permits, Yard Sale Permits, Woodstove Booklets, Requested Inspections, Certification Inspections, Re-Inspections, Occupancy Permits, etc.)

Miles Traveled.....9,397

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Souza  
Acting Inspector of Buildings/  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of the inspections made by the Gas Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2007. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....114

Final Inspections.....	90
Unit Heaters .....	3
Boilers.....	7
Gas Fireplaces.....	10
Furnaces.....	6
Generators.....	15
Direct Vent Heaters.....	1
Ventless Heater.....	1
Space Heaters.....	12
First Stage.....	26
Construction Heaters.....	0
B-Vent Chimneys.....	0
Water Heaters.....	2
Dryers.....	0
Roof Top Unit.....	1
Piping/Tests.....	2
Ranges.....	31
Grilles.....	0
Flue Pipe.....	0
Pool Heaters.....	3
No Permits.....	3
Meter Cut Back.....	4
Kiln.....	0
Consultations.....	3
Miscellaneous.....	0
Building Department.....	3
Re-Inspections.....	12
 Total Inspections Made.....	 353
Total Permits Issued.....	260
 Fees to the Treasurer.....	 \$16,260
Miles Traveled.....	3,157

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Labonte,  
Gas Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of inspections made by the Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2007. Included are all residential, commercial, club and municipal permits.

Rough Inspections.....	208
Final Inspections.....	159
Water Heaters.....	15
Water Meter/Water Service.....	7
Septic Pumps.....	53
Back-Flow Preventors.....	13
Bathtubs/Shower/Valves.....	2
Water Piping.....	1
Municipal Requests.....	0
Drains.....	1
Kitchen Sinks/Dishwashers.....	0
Drinking Fountains.....	0



Building Department Requests.....	8
Washing Machine.....	0
Water Filters.....	2
Boilers.....	0
Consultations.....	8
Permit Close-Out.....	5
No Permit.....	9
Re-Inspections.....	46
 Total Inspections Made.....	 540
Total Permits Issued.....	293
 Fees Paid to Treasurer.....	 \$36,495
Miles Traveled.....	4,559

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Labonte  
Plumbing Inspector

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WIRE INSPECTOR

We hereby submit our report as Wire Inspectors for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Single Family Dwellings, Condo.....	34
Single Family Dwellings, Overhead.....	20
Single Family Dwellings, Underground.....	91
Duplexes.....	3
Alterations and Additions.....	35
New Services, Overhead.....	28
New Services, Underground.....	17
Rewire/Repair/Remodel.....	54
Barns, Sheds.....	9
Garages.....	16
Commercial.....	92
Alarms and Security Systems.....	60
Temporary Services.....	12
Upgrade Services.....	19
Relocate/Repair Services.....	3
Service Entry Cable/Meter Sockets.....	26
Transformer Pads.....	1
Septic Pumps.....	30
Water Pumps.....	4
Hot Tubs.....	1
Boilers/Furnaces.....	9
Generators.....	10
Chairlifts.....	0
Pools, Inground.....	13
Pools, Aboveground.....	6
Municipal, Federal, State, Churches, Fairs.....	15
Greenhouses.....	0
Road Layouts.....	11
Poles.....	4
Towers – Wind/Cell.....	6
Air Conditioners.....	2

G.F.I.....	3
East Beach Trailer Service Repairs.....	110
Dock.....	1
Annual Permits.....	1
Fire.....	3
Re-Inspections, Additional Fees.....	55
40B Construction.....	2

Miles traveled by Inspectors.....9,474

Fees paid to Treasure.....\$56,408

Respectfully submitted,

William Plamondon  
Dane Winship  
Assistant Inspectors of Wires

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit the report for the Cemetery Department for the year 2007.

### Reimbursements to the Town of Westport

67	Interments	\$ 30,150.00
26	Cremations	4,620.00
73	Foundations	6,261.33
65	Grass & Device	1,750.00
17	Saturday & Sunday Fees	3,400.00
	Sale of Lots	11,100.00
	Perpetual Care	<u>14,050.00</u>
	Total	\$ 71,331.33

Respectfully submitted,

Westell G. Norman Jr.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL VILLAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Central Village Public Improvements Committee, formerly named the Sidewalk Committee, is comprised of five individuals appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee is responsible for advising the Board with respect to proposed crosswalks and sidewalks in Central Village, other improvements that could significantly affect pedestrian and vehicular safety, and other public infrastructure improvements that may eventually be needed in Central Village, including changes in lighting, landscaping and drainage.

After appropriations were made by the 2006 and 2007 Annual Town Meetings for a survey and layout plan for Main Road in the Central Village area, the engineering firm Sitec, Inc. was retained. A layout plan has been prepared by that firm and discussed at a public hearing and will be presented to the 2008 Town Meeting.

With funds provided by the Villages housing project developer, a traffic and safety study was completed for Central Village by Nitsch Engineering, Inc. under the supervision of the Committee. That study was also the subject of a public hearing. The many recommendations of the study include both short-term and longer-term improvements relating to control of traffic speeds and congestion, including narrowing of travel lanes,

reduction of the excessive numbers of curb cuts and business driveway openings in the area, and alleviation of parking problems in certain locations. One of the initial safety recommendations, the painting of fog lines along Main Road, was completed in 2007, and the Committee will continue to meet with property owners in Central Village to determine how other recommended improvements can be implemented with minimal disruption and very limited public funding.

The second phase of the contract with Nitsch Engineering was approved by the Selectmen in 2007. It provides for detailed design and construction documents for the construction of the crosswalk and sidewalks on Main Road near the Villages housing development.

The Committee has also begun the process of working with SRPEDD and the Massachusetts Highway Department to identify possible state and federal grant programs that may assist in the planning and construction of future Main Road improvements in Central Village.

Respectfully submitted,

John G. Faria, Co-chair  
Ann Squire, Co-chair  
Joseph Boucher  
Elaine Ostroff  
David Wallace

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS, INC. REPRESENTATIVE

It is Citizen for Citizen's mission to: assist members of the low-income community by the provision of services and programs, which attack the cycle of poverty. The following services were provided to the citizens of Westport.

### Westport, Zip Codes 02790 & 02791 (Service Dates July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Dollars Expended</u>
Extended School Child Care	92	313	\$ 433,416.60
Family Child Care	1	4	9,265.50
Family Planning	117	117	29,250.00
FEMA	3	7	600.00
Food Pantry	112	216	1,419.00
Fuel Assistance	466	881	266,451.74
Head Start	18	63	191,898.00
Heating Repairs/Replacements	26	50	20,213.80
Home Weatherization	25	36	48,868.58
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	7	11	9,828.00
Senior Employment Program	4	5	28,080.00
Woman/Infants/Children Nutrition	1	2	540.00
Totals For Zip Codes 02790 & 02791	872	1,705	\$1,039,903.22

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa, CFC Secretary  
Executive Board of Directors

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Warren M. Messier  
Norma K. Judson  
Timothy H. Gillespie  
Lino M. Rego  
Chester B. Adams Jr.

Elizabeth A. Collins  
Betty F. Slade  
Richard E. Lambert  
David J.S. Emilita

The provisions of the Community Preservation Act (MGL.44B) were passed at the 2001 Annual Town Meeting. In adopting the provisions of the Act, taxpayers approved a 2% surcharge on real estate taxes to fund this program. In addition, the Act requires the state to match funds raised by the 2% surcharge for use in Community Preservation. Funds can be used for space, historic preservation, affordable housing and land for recreation use. A minimum of 10% each year needs to be devoted to each of the categories of open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

A Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was established in April 2002, after voters had approved this action by an annual election ballot question. CPC consists of nine (9) voting members pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, Section 5. The Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, include three members-at-large (Chester Adams, Lino Rego and Betty Slade) and representatives of the Town's Conservation Committee (Richard Lambert), Historical Commission (Norma Judson), Planning Board (David Emilita), Recreation Commission (Timothy Gillespie), Housing Authority (Elizabeth Collins), and Finance Committee (Warren Messier).

In preparation for each year's budget, CPC members conduct in depth research of our Town's community preservation needs, possibilities, and resources. This includes interviews with interested citizens, committees, and town officials. CPC also reviews the town's updated master plan as well as the goals and objectives of the town departments, boards, and committees. In addition, public hearings were held to gather additional input from Town residents. The recommendations that follow were approved at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting for Fiscal Year 2008 and are grouped by areas required by the Act.

At any time after fiscal year FY08 the Town can revoke the Act by following the same procedure that was followed in adopting the Act. That is by a vote of Town Meeting followed by an annual Town Election ballot question. Otherwise, the Community Preservation Act remains in place. Detail of the Act can be found in Chapter 267 of the Acts of 2000 by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Projects approved for FY08 by the 2007 Annual Town Meeting include:

## Open Space

Estuaries Assessment/Restoration Project – The overarching goal of this project is the protection and restoration of the health of the Westport River embayment system through watershed nitrogen assessment, planning and management. The information gathered will support restoration and management plans for the river in the coming years.

The Westport Estuary consists of two river systems: the East Branch, 2018 acres, and the West Branch, 1425 acres. Historically the River has provided livelihoods for shell fishermen and light industry. The River also serves as a destination for numerous boaters and tourists who enjoy fishing, clamming, swimming and boating. It is difficult to place a monetary value on the River, nevertheless most agree the River has a significant value to the Westport community.

From Native American clam shell mounds near the mouth of the River, through the first farm of Richard Sisson established near the Head in 1671, the lumber and grist mills of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the whaling ships of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century, the water-powered factories along the Upper East Branch in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the extensive farming and commercial shell-fishing throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, to recreational boating, fishing and shell-fishing of the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the River has provided, and continues to provide, the linkages, the energy and the aquatic resources for the people of Westport.

This is a two-year project, which Community Preservation Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved \$60,000 from FY07 CPA available funds and \$60,000 from FY08 CPA available funds. Basic tasks include:

- Compiling, reviewing, and synthesizing existing studies;
- Conducting field data collection;
- Determining nitrogen targets for management and/or restoration;
- Determining nitrogen management options on site-specific basis;
- Testing “what if scenarios” for nitrogen management options;
- Providing assistance in selecting implementation options;
- Enhancing public education regarding the health of the Westport River.

Westport heritage is defined by its farms and fisheries. This restoration project will help preserve that heritage. The River is central to the history of whaling and the industry it promoted in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. CPC believes this project will enable our Town to understand and develop best land use solutions for nitrogen management that in turn will see improved quality in the River. Given the growth in population and additional building presently planned, the Community Preservation Committee believes this project is essential to preserve the estuaries, and our history.

Open Space Reserve – Funds set aside to be used for future open space, to be determined by future Town Meetings. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$69,050 from FY08 CPA available funds for this item.

### Westport Point Historic Waterways Restoration III

This is the final phase of a three year CPC’s commitment to the Westport River Dredging Project. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$15,000 from FY07 CPA available funds to complete this project. The Town Meeting previously committed \$30,000 from FY04 funds and \$50,000 from FY05 funds for this project. Further details of this project appear in the last two Town Reports. While funding for this project is coming from prior years, the project itself is on going.

### Historic Preservation

Town Hall Restoration IV Project – This is the fourth year of a four-year restoration project to restore the interior and exterior of the Westport Town Hall. Built in 1938, the building was constructed under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was created in 1935 to provide economic relief to the citizens of the United States who were suffering through the Great Depression. It offered work to the unemployed on an unprecedented scale by spending money on a wide variety of programs, including highways and building construction.

The Town Hall stands as a reminder of a difficult time in our nation’s history. The WPA was created under the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our 32<sup>nd</sup> president. The early years of FDR’s presidency were significant to Westport since FDR’s personal secretary was Louis M. Howe, whose home at 27 Horseneck Road was visited on many occasions by the president, who sought Howe’s counsel on many difficult issues of the day. The building also represents an example of municipal architecture that expressed pride of its citizens. The Town Hall has a simple but elegant design and CPC believes preserving it should be a priority.

The Community Preservation Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved \$60,000 from FY08 CPA available funds for Phase IV of this project, which will include brickwork, chimney and flashing, entranceway restoration, and interior floor covering.

Horseneck Point Life Saving Station Restoration Project – In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century the Massachusetts Humane Society was formed in response to a need to assist shipwreck survivors. They began installing houses of refuge and lifesaving stations along the Massachusetts coast during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Life Saving Station No.69 in Westport was built in 1888. This project will restore the Life Saving Station and provide a Visitor Center available for Town and school use. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$50,000 from FY08 available funds for this project.

Waite Potter House Project – This project has provided for the stabilization of the stone-end chimney, rebuilding of the existing fireplace and re-pointing the existing structure. This nationally significant Waite-Potter site holds the essence of Westport History and is the oldest surviving 17<sup>th</sup> century stone-end chimney in Bristol County. Not only is it distinguished as Westport's earliest structure, but holds an honorable position on Westport's Town Seal. The Community Preservation Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved \$15,200 from FY08 CPA available funds for this project.

Historic Photos Collection – The Westport Historical Commission requested funds for copying, compiling and archiving substantial private collections of historical photographs and other related materials all dealing with the history of Westport. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$2,000 from FY08 CPA available funds for this project.

## Community Housing

Perry Property Acquisition – Purchase price was \$750,000 payable over two years (will apply \$310,863 from CPA community housing reserve fund and \$25,000 from FY04 Housing Authority Project). Detail presentations were made at three public hearings on this project. CPC members believe that acquisition of the Perry property provides the potential for a model community housing initiative encompassing the Town-owned Quinn property and the Perry property into the Noquochoke Village. The Committee recommended that Town Meeting consider this acquisition as the first step, in addressing the affordable housing options available to the community. Community housing serves individuals and families earning less than 80% of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) area median income. The Community Preservation Committee also recognized that much more open discussion and input on final specifications for the Noquochoke Village needed, to occur before the Town proceeds to the actual development state. Community housing on the Quinn property without the use of the Perry property didn't seem like a practical option to CPC. The Community Preservation Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved \$550,000 in FY07 (with \$310,863 from community housing reserves, \$25,000 from the balance in the FY04 Housing Authority Project, and \$214,137 in FY07 available funds) and \$200,000 in FY08 available funds.

Community Housing New Site Project Costs – The Housing Partnership Committee requested funds to begin preliminary planning for affordable home rental or ownership on town owned land. Budgeted costs for the site analysis, property appraisals and related cost are \$17,750. Additional budget costs of \$25,000 are related to house moving expenses. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$42,750 from FY08 CPA available funds for this project.

Community Housing Reserves – Funds set aside for further Community Housing use to be determined by future Town Meetings. CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$80,000 from FY08 CPA available funds for this item.

## Administrative Account

CPC recommended and Town Meeting approved \$21,000 from FY08 available funds. In the previous years CPC has recommended \$14,000 for this account and balances each year not used have been returned to the general CPA fund to be re-allocated. In FY 07 the Community Preservation Committee recommended the increase in this account to handle anticipated administrative support and legal representation for projects approved by Town Meeting, as well as, projects recommended to the Annual Town Meeting.

Total funds recommended and approved by Town Meeting from FY08 CPA available funds:

- \$ 60,000 (Estuaries) and \$60,000 for FY07 available funds
- \$ 69,050 (Open Space Reserve)
- \$ 42,750 (Housing Partnership Committee new site project costs)
- \$ 80,000 (Community Housing Reserve)
- \$ 60,000 (Town Hall Phase IV Restoration )
- \$ 50,000 (Life Saving Station Restoration)
- \$ 15,200 (Waite Potter House Restoration)
- \$ 21,000 (administrative account)
- \$ 2,000 (Historic Photo Collection Preservation)
- \$ 200,000 (Perry Property \$214,137 from FY07 with additional monies of \$310,86 from Community housing reserve account and \$25,000 from FY04 housing authority
- Project account-for \$550,000 payment in July 2006 and the remainder of \$200,000 in July 2007 out of FY08 available funds)

Total \$ 600,000

The Community Preservation Committee meets normally on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall. All meetings are open and residents are given the opportunity to address the Committee at every meeting. Public hearings are held on each year's budget recommendation to further gather resident's input. Written comments and questions are also welcome and can be directed to members of the Community Preservation Committee, Town Hall, 816 Main Road, Westport, MA. 02790

Respectfully submitted,

Warren M. Messier, Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION/SOIL BOARD**

The Conservation Commission/Soil Conservation Board hereby submits its annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007.

### Overview

The Conservation Commission is a seven-member volunteer board, appointed by the Selectmen to oversee and protect Westport's extensive inland and coastal wetlands, riverfront and certain other natural resources. Our primary responsibility is to review wetland delineations and permit applications for activity in or near wetland and riverfront areas under the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) and the Rivers Protection Act. The Commission issues decisions and permits after a public hearing and presentations by the applicant.

The Conservation Commission employs professional support to review application filings including septic and building permit requests. The Commission staff work closely with the Board of Health and Building Inspector in these reviews and have set up a revised procedure for reviewing septic permits to facilitate the permitting process.

The Commission is responsible for updating the Town's Open Space Plan as needed, and for overseeing Town-held conservation restrictions, which protect valuable natural areas from development. The Commission also serves as the Soil Conservation Board for the Town, and reviews permit applications for storage, transfer and removal of certain soils and minerals as set forth in Westport's Soil Bylaw.

## Personnel Updates

During 2007 the Conservation Commission was professionally supported by a Conservation Agent, Anne Phelps, for the first half of the year. With her departure in May 2007, the Conservation Commission was served by several outstanding professional consultants including: Diane Boretos and Rene Drouin. In addition, the Conservation Commission received the professional guidance, support and efforts of John Rockwell who was "on loan" to the Town of Westport from the federally administered Buzzards Bay Project. The Conservation Commission would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation for the work of all our professionals. The Conservation Commission is also well supported by the professional work of Leone Farias, Principal Clerk. The Conservation Commission tips its hat to her day in and day out management of our office, her breadth of knowledge on issues confronting the Town of Westport and her ability to keep the bureaucracy in line. Thank you to Leone Farias.

Conservation Commission members at the close of 2007 were: Wayne H. Turner (Chairman), Richard Lambert (Vice Chairman), Theodore Rich (Secretary) and members William Burns, Susan Pedreira, John Reynolds and Tanja Ryden.

## Commission Activity & Highlights

The Commission met bi-weekly (alternate Tuesday evenings) for 29 meetings for the year. Totals for various filings under the state Wetlands Protection Act were: 80 Notices of Intent, 54 Requests for Determination of Applicability, 10 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Determination, 28 Certificates of Compliance and 12 Extensions. There were 90 reviews for new septic systems and repairs and 148 reviews of building permit applications to the Building Inspector in 2007. The Soil Board granted 9 requests for renewal of Soil Transfer Permits and one for a working pit.

## Coordination with Town Boards

Conservation Commission members also represent the Conservation Commission on the Stormwater Management Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Agricultural Preservation Trust Council, Harbor Dredging Committee and Economic Development Committee.

## Budget and Wetland Funds

The Conservation Commission is funded partly from taxation and partly from a fund called the Wetlands Fund. A portion of every Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) and Notice of Intent (NOI) is deposited in the Wetlands Fund. The Conservation Commission, with the oversight of the Board of Selectmen, utilizes these funds to carry out the work of the Conservation Commission.

On behalf of the Conservation Commission and the citizens of the Town of Westport, I thank both the staff and Commissioners for their dedication and willingness to devote many hours to serving the Town of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne H. Turner, Chairman

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT COUNCIL ON AGING**



The Council on Aging respectfully submits this report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Blanche Adams	June 18, 2007	June 30, 2010
Bruce Belling	July 25, 2005	June 30, 2010
Susan M. Costa	September 25, 2006	June 30, 2010
Beth Easterly	September 26, 2006	June 30, 2008
Peter Forrester	August 28, 2007	June 30, 2010
Heather Heath Reed	September 25, 2006	June 30, 2009
Robert Stynes	June 18, 2007	June 30, 2010

Tribute to Past Council Members:

<u>Council Members</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Resignation Date</u>
Selena Howard	June 30, 1999	June 30, 2007

C. O. A. STAFF – Town Funded

Director	Susan A. Oliveira
Principal Clerk	Lorraine. C. Roy
Maintenance Specialist	John Medeiros

Outreach Program – Grant Funded

Outreach Worker (retired in 2007)	Lydia King
Outreach Worker (hired in 2007)	Andrea Lemos
Elder Visitor	Phyllis Sandman

Senior Social Day Program – Self Funded / Partial Grant Funded

Program Director	Gloria Santos
Assistant Program Director	Faye Philla
Activity Director/Adm. Asst.	Patricia Roberts
Program Aides	Marilyn Massi
	Judith Turner

Transportation Program – Partial Town / Partial Grant Funded

Transportation Clerks	Kimberly Bouley
	Roberta Chaves
	Valorie Schofield
Van Drivers (active on 12/31/07)	Carol Borges
	Ernest Chretien
	Roland Chretien
	Richard Wordell
Van Drivers (retired in 2007)	Raymond Dupras
	Richard Fragoza
	Robert Kowalczyk
	Evelyn O'Hara

Volunteer Program – Grant Funded

Volunteer Coordinator (retired in 2007)	Francis McDonough
Volunteer Coordinator (hired in 2007)	Ann Marie Booth

The Town census of 2007 reported a total population of 15,080 with 4,240 of that number being over the age of sixty (60). Ms. Susan Oliveira, Director, noted that in 2006 there were an unusually large number of people over the age of 80, and a very large number of people who were 90 to 100 years of age. The numbers bespeak a large number of people in Westport who have a great gene pool in their family and/or who are living very healthy lifestyles. That kind of longevity is exactly the type that all Councils on Aging make every

effort to support and encourage; a long life that is lived healthfully and independently in one's own home. Those large numbers are also a clear and reality-based reminder of the growing role and importance of the Council on Aging in every town throughout America.

The services provided by the Westport Council on Aging, such as case management, the Senior Social Day Program, SHINE counseling, educational forums on a number of subjects, congregate meals, outreach and a variety of assistance mechanisms to work through the maze of obstacles and procedures to access necessary services are absolutely essential to seniors and their families who merely want to maintain their independence and dignity while they remain in their own homes. The Council on Aging does not just provide the services, or the access to services, but also coordinates them and, in the process, often advocates to ensure that the senior citizen can access and productively use services to which he or she is entitled.

One of the most important functions that a COA provides is that of being a deterrent to increasing medical costs and unnecessary nursing home placement. The SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) program plays an extremely important role in this matter. The informational counseling and guidance provided by the SHINE counselor enables the senior citizen with Medicare to make the best decision for the Medicare plan or supplement, or the HMO plan that will best meet his/her specific needs. This health insurance advice can be a key ingredient in minimizing prescription and other health-related costs.

In a complementary role, the Senior Social Day Program, which provides a variety of social, psychological, and physical stimulation that keeps the senior citizen active and engaged in a structured, professionally-staffed setting while it simultaneously precludes the need for placement in a nursing home or similar facility. This Program also provides a wonderful and inexpensive respite for families who are caring for elders at home. While there is a daily cost for the program, there is scholarship money available for individuals, depending upon their financial circumstances.

Whether or not you consider Westport a rural or sub-rural community, the situation for seniors is the same: it does not have many of the conveniences available in larger suburban towns and cities. The role of affordable and accessible transportation becomes crucially important to simply access services from a number of sources so that one can continue to maintain an independent lifestyle. What many non-seniors do not realize is that the cost of "public" transportation, if it is being provided by a private company, is outrageously prohibitive in cost to anyone, let alone a senior on a fixed income. Therefore the importance of COA transportation to all seniors in Westport cannot be underestimated. Last year, the COA van fleet traveled 75,396 miles, providing over 4,400 hours of service to 807 unduplicated clients. Most of those trips were visits to professional offices in Westport, Fall River, Somerset, Dartmouth, and New Bedford and would not have been possible or remotely affordable were it not for the availability of the COA Transportation Program.

In addition to the services provided at the Westport Council on Aging, the activities that are available play an important role in keeping the participants active and stimulated in a variety of ways. T'ai chi, aerobics, drawing, balance and movement, watercolor painting, knitting, poetry, quilting, osteoporosis prevention classes, and other physical and intellectual activities all play an important part in developing and maintaining a good quality of life.

The considerable range of services offered by the COA are too numerous to describe here, but they provide many benefits to many seniors and, indirectly, their families. Annually the COA has a luncheon for all Westport seniors and also celebrates a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet to acknowledge the work of those whose efforts make so many things possible.

Below is a list of the many services that are covered under our Outreach efforts.

#### Outreach Client Count --- 01/01/07 – 12/31/07

<u>Category/Service:</u>	<u>Total # Services Provided</u>
Blood Pressure	103
Case Management	1039
Crisis Intervention	45
Errands	5
Farmers Market Coupons	17
File of Life (Critical Medical Information)	150

Food Bank	471
Food Stamps	20
Foot Care	9
Friendly Visiting	50
Fuel Assistance	25
Holiday Baskets	110
Legal	5
Medical Equipment Loans	52
Other	76
SHINE (Counseling)	316
Support Groups	57
Telephone Assurance	<u>40</u>
Total	2590

#### Information & Referrals

Faxes	20
Jobs Bank	17
Mailings	<u>30</u>
Total	67

One additional and final piece of this report is the very important role that the Friends of the Westport Council on Aging have historically had and continue to have in supporting the COA. Most, if not all, of the COA's throughout Massachusetts have a "friends" group that supports its local COA in a variety of ways. However, the Friends of the Westport Council on Aging is a particularly active and dedicated group who has also been pro-active and generous in their efforts over the years. Their contributions to the COA are too numerous to mention here, but their gifts have ranged from basic maintenance items to scholarships for Senior Social Day clients. On behalf of the Westport Council on Aging we want to publicly express our large debt of gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted E. Lang  
Interim Director

Susan M. Costa  
Chairman

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RONALD DESROSIERS MEMORIAL FUND & WESTPORT CITIZENS BETTERMENT FUND & COMMITTEE**

The following is a report of the Westport Citizens Betterment Committee for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Members Shirley Desrosiers, Walter Craveiro, Lena Napert, Maggie Plamondon and Charlene R. Wood were reappointed to the committee by the Board of Selectmen. All terms expire June 30, 2002.

This year the Westport Citizens Betterment Committee was late in awarding their grant. Although the grant was awarded in 2002, applications were for the 2001 round. \$1,000 was awarded to the Westport Conservation Commission toward the purchase of an Environmental Resource Exhibit (fiberglass sign) to be located at Cherry & Webb Beach. This sign will provide visitors with information regarding the dunes,

knowledge of sensitive areas and endangered species as well as well as information regarding deer ticks and poison ivy.

The Trustees of the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund and the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund encourage contributions to either of these funds. Any person or organization wishing to donate to either of these funds may do so through the Board of Selectmen's office. It is these donations that put the resources back into the community.

The balance in the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund as of 12/31/01 was \$27,081.33. Our portion of the Westport Citizens Betterment Fund has a balance of \$5,720.88.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Desrosiers, Chair

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The following is a report of the Finance Committee for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Calendar 2007 brought strong challenges to the Town's finances. Low growth rates of revenues versus higher growth rates for major expenditure categories resulted in ever-tighter budget constraints. The FY08 (July 2007 – June 2008) budget exercise was difficult and allowed little room for new initiatives; however the budget covers basic services and still found resources for some high priority capital investments without having to turn to new borrowings.

When considering options for FY08, the Finance Committee expanded its analysis to a three-year horizon to better understand the trends and possible room to maneuver. A second round of projections at the end of calendar 2007 reaffirmed the earlier analysis. The Finance Committee concluded that future budget exercises can no longer count on being able to squeeze budgets, but rather need to look at structural changes, meaning possible elimination of some services. The Finance Committee supported the Board of Selectmen's decision to undertake a benchmarking exercise to analyze how the Town compares to peer communities, as an input to sorting out possible areas for improved efficiency. The Finance Committee also supported funding for a performance audit of one Town department, as a supplement to the normal financial audit exercise. The Finance Committee also looks forward to greater participation in the Town's auditing exercises, including in an independent audit committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee made a special effort to inform Town residents about the Town's finances and prospects, and made presentations at a number of venues/organizations.

Lisa Arnold, Vice Chair, helped the Town enter into long-term, fixed price contracts for supply of electricity and gas to Town facilities.

Paul Schmid completed four years of outstanding service as Chair, and Jane Loos became Chair in September 2007. Paul's leadership during these difficult budget years is recognized and greatly appreciated. Jack Baughan completed fifteen years of service on the Finance Committee on June 30, 2007; his contributions to the Finance Committee and to the Capital Improvement Planning Commission are greatly appreciated. Antone Vieira was appointed in July 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Loos

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I hereby submit my report as Fire Chief for the year ending December 31, 2007.

The mission of the Westport Fire Department is to protect life, property and the environment from fire, medical emergencies, hazardous materials, natural disaster and terrorist related incidents. We will do this through emergency mitigation, code enforcement, public education and training.

### Fire Chief

Brian R. Legendre

### Deputy Chief

Allen N. Manley, Jr.

### Captains

Bruce Martin Jr.

Michael P. Silvia

### Lieutenants

John W. Andrade  
Daniel F. Ledoux

Brian A. Beaulieu

### Firefighter/EMT's

Douglas P. Orr  
Raymond E. Benoit  
Keith Nickelson  
Dennis Pelland  
Glenn Mackillop  
Paul Duhon  
Steve Lopes  
Andrew Ferrarini

Brian D. Souza  
Glenn R. Nunes  
Matthew Cowell  
Darren Nunes  
Mark Brisk  
Daniel Baldwin  
Anthony Ward  
Timothy Bernard

### Call Firefighters

William G. Baraby (Lieutenant)  
Chris Caswell  
Michael DesRoches  
Glenn Frazier  
Coury Garside  
Sean Lynch  
Roger Maynard  
Kendall G. Nickelson  
James Perry  
Kenneth Reilly  
Michael Texeira  
Chad Vaillancourt  
Matthew Weaver

Joshua Barrette  
David DeMello  
James T. Ellis  
Nathan Freitas  
Brian Leverett  
Todd Mackay  
Bryan Moniz  
Ryan O'Meara  
Andrew Raymond  
David Smyka  
Sam Texeira  
Ronald Vien  
Harold Wright

### Ladies Auxiliary

Theresa A. Vaillancourt  
Julie Manley  
Janet Souza  
Gail Ledoux  
Terry Martin  
Melanie Pelland  
Denise Donatelli  
Jen Duhon  
Allison Teves  
Allison Garside  
Susan Maynard

Kimberley T. Legendre  
Janice Silvia  
Kathy Benoit  
Maggie Beaulieu  
Sonia Nickelson  
Paula Nunes  
Paula Brisk  
Jillyn Baldwin  
Mary-Beth Ferrarini  
Lisa Ellis  
Kathy Mackay

Principal Clerk

Theresa A. Vaillancourt

Medical Director

Hank Crowley Jr., MD

Deputy Emergency Management Director

Brian Beaulieu

Fire Prevention Officer

Daniel Ledoux

EMS Coordinator

Glenn R. Nunes

Hazardous Material Technicians

Brian R. Legendre  
Glenn Nunes

Bruce Martin, Jr.  
Mark Brisk

Child Passenger Safety Technician

Brian D. Souza

Grant Writer

Allen N. Manley, Jr.

Computer Coordinator

Michael P. Silvia

E-911 Coordinators

John W. Andrade

Paul Duhon

Training Division

Allen N. Manley, Jr.  
Keith Nickelson  
Steve Lopes

Bruce Martin Jr.  
Glenn Nunes  
Anthony Ward

Fire & Explosion Investigation Division

Allen N. Manley Jr.  
Dennis Pelland

William G. Baraby  
Daniel Baldwin

Fire & Life Safety Education Division

Brian A. Beaulieu

Kenneth Reilly

The Fire Department answered 2,021 calls the year 2005. They were broken down as follows:

Buildings	49
Woods/Brush	42
Vehicles	9
Lost Persons	0
Fire Alarms	120
Bomb/Explosive Device	0
Jaws-of-Life	30
Investigations	124
Dumpsters	3
Unauthorized Burning	56
Public Assist	20
Hazardous Materials	22
Water Rescues	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	42
Good Intent	50
Motor Vehicle Accidents	64
Emergency EMS Calls	1,338
Mutual Aid	
EMS Mutual Aid Given	47
EMS Mutual Aid Received	20
Fire Mutual Aid Given	16
Fire Mutual Aid Received	6
Emergency Ambulance	1,338
Fire Related Calls	695

#### Summary Of Vehicle Runs For The Year:

Engine 1	123
Engine 2	190
Engine 3	82
Engine 4	34
Engine 5	118
Engine 6	166
Ladder 7	90
Tanker 1	15
Car 1	61
Car 2	87
Car 3	34
Car 4	46
Car 5	21
Marine 1	1
Marine 2	1
Personal Vehicles	15
Special Operations Unit	2
Haz-Mat Trailer	4
EMA 1	1
EMA 2	4
EMA 3	5
EMA Light Unit	11
Ambulance 1	627
Ambulance 2	835
Ambulance 3	41

### Permits Issued During The Year:

Smoke Detectors	298
Oil Burners	43
Underground Tank Removal	8
Propane	63
Open Air Fire	3,003
Blasting	1
Above Ground Tank	4
Black Powder	2
Waste Oil	8
Fire Reports	42
Sprinklers	1
Tank Trucks	19
Garages	41
Bar/restaurant	23

The Westport Fire Department has had another successful year upgrading our equipment to meet current firefighting standards. The Department applied for and received a \$ 179,182.00 federal grant to replace our outdated SCBA's (self contained breathing apparatus) and to purchase two air filling stations that meet current OSHA requirements for safety. We also received a \$ 5,300.00 State grant that purchased a Rescue Jack System that will be used in motor vehicle accidents, structural collapse, and other technical rescue applications. Through active fundraising and donations from the community we were able raise over \$ 18,000.00 to purchase a new set of "Jaws of Life" at no cost to the taxpayer, this new equipment will replace our original set purchased in 1974.

There were also many organizational changes within the Department in 2007. The Board of Selectmen has placed the responsibilities of Emergency Management under the Fire Chief. With this task the Department has continued to train town employees in NIMS as required by the Department of Homeland Security. I have created an Emergency Management Division within the Fire Department and assigned Lieutenant Brian A. Beaulieu as Deputy EMA Director to oversee this Division. We both have attended numerous trainings from MEMA and FEMA to stay up to date with current mandates. In July the Department promoted two Captains, each one was assigned to a fire station and was placed in charge of their respective station. The Department also created a Fire Prevention Officer that works closely with the Building Inspector to enforce code compliance in the Town. The Deputy Fire Chief was placed in charge of training and has developed a weekly training schedule that enhances the productivity of our personnel.

The Department with the help of the Fire Station Building Committee and the taxpayers was successful in receiving the funding to do a definitive design and cost analysis to replace our outdated south end fire station. Town meeting voters and the voters at a debt exclusion ballot question approved \$ 200,000.00 to complete this work and report back at the 2008 annual town meeting. Over the past 8 months we have been very busy with this project and plan to present a finished fire station design and cost package to the Town residents in early 2008. As stated before we are in dire need to replace our current south end facility and are hopeful for the community's continued support with this project.

2007 was the busiest year on record for the Department with 2,033 emergency responses encompassing both Fire and EMS. The Department turned in \$ 539,210.72 in revenue to the Town Treasurer for calendar year 2007. The Department also applied for and received \$ 195,588.92 in grant funding for 2007.

### 2007 Calendar Year Revenue Breakdown:

Ambulance Revenue:	\$ 513,592.94
Fire Revenue:	\$ 25,617.78
Grant Funding Revenue:	\$ 195,588.84
 Total Revenue Generated:	 \$ 734,799.64



The following are reports from the Division Coordinators on the yearly activities of their assigned Division within the Westport Fire Department:

### Training Division Report – by Allen N. Manley, Jr.

This year saw a great deal of change and challenges for the training division, as well as the firefighters of the department. A general reorganization of the division was made early in the year that would aid in better utilizing training team members and their specific talents and skills.

Department members received over 1500 hours of training in a variety of disciplines from basic firefighting operations to advanced and highly specialized training. Several members attended training at the National Firefighting Academy in Emmitsburg, MD with many more attending the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA.

The Department also trained with neighboring and countywide departments a great deal more than in the past, particularly with the Tiverton Fire Department on the ladder truck and Dartmouth & Berkley departments on water supply. These inter departmental trainings have greatly increased our skills as well as provided an opportunity during non-emergency operations to find areas of concern.

In order to meet federally mandated guidelines for the training of first responders all members of the Department received training on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS). These management systems are used in order to coordinate resources and personnel in the event of a natural or man-made emergency. Firefighters received this training from members of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Officers of the Department were required to receive advanced training in ICS through the highest level.

The past several years has seen a good deal of much needed new equipment placed in service by the department. Training on this new equipment was time consuming but the team has performed commendably in bringing members up to speed on the new equipment. The department's new ladder truck went into service in mid March and training members in its operation is ongoing. New Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) were received this year. The new SCBA has several new features designed specifically for firefighter safety including an integrated personal accountability system that will sound an audible alert should a firefighter become incapacitated. A new vehicle stabilization system was placed in service to quickly stabilize vehicles that are involved in collisions with trapped persons inside. This unit also quickly converts to a stable platform for use in confined space rescue.

The training division has also developed relationships with several individuals and businesses in Town that have generously shared with the Department. Albert Lees once again stepped forward to aid the Department by allowing us the use of the former Kirkaldy home while it was unoccupied. Training in this house provided unique opportunities due in no small part to the fact that this old house has many small rooms with several doors in each room making for a challenging and realistic evolution for members. The training team used this house to train members in search and rescue, hose line advancement, ladder skills, mayday or firefighter down operations and ICS.

Likewise, others have aided the department by providing us with opportunities to visit their buildings and familiarize members with the construction, layout and unique features. The Lafrance Hospitality, Mid-City Steel, Portas da Cidade, Crosby and Bakers have all opened their buildings to us. Others have provided the training team materials to aid in training, Beaulieu Garage, 4 Square Towing and Westport Auto Recycling all provide us with cars to practice auto extrication.

New this year was the introduction of on shift training whereby shift members get together to train as a team on any number of firefighting activities. Also new this year is online training developed to aid members in receiving quick and easy training that stimulates conversations and ideas among members.

We continue to work towards making training as realistic and relevant as possible. Our goal is a well trained and disciplined firefighting force that will be able to meet the mission of the Department and keep our members and those we serve safe. I would like to thank all the members who have given their time and talent to bring the best possible training to the Westport Fire Department.

## Fire & Explosion Investigation Division Report – by Lieutenant William G. Baraby

The Fire Investigation Division is dedicated to providing a comfortable assurance of safety for the residents, guest, and businesses of Westport by investigating each and every fire that occurs within our community.

In 2007, the team received over 200 hours of specialized training in areas consisting of Arson Control, Investigation of Motor Vehicle Fires, Advanced Investigation Techniques, Juvenile Fire Setting, Criminal Procedures, Interviewing, Photography and Scene Reconstruction. This training will better enhance investigators to reduce injury and lower property loss by identifying hazardous consumer products, and the inappropriate use of ordinarily safe products, along with modifying the behavior of children who explore the use of fire, and bring justice to individuals who exploit fire for self-motivation.

Education is a life long experience, and fire investigation is not exempt. The division is committed to gaining experience through education and training provided by professional affiliations with the International Association of Arson Investigators, Massachusetts State Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy.

Two seasoned investigators were reassigned other duties when they earned promotions in the Department, reducing the division to three. We thank Captain Michael Silvia and Lieutenant Daniel Ledoux for their dedication to identifying the causes of fires, which reduces the loss of life and property.

During 2007, with cooperation and assistance from the Westport Police Department, School Resource Officer, and concerned parents, five juveniles were assessed for “fire play” and “fire setting” behavior. Unfortunately, only one of these juveniles was identified before a destructive fire took place. Statistics show that the number of juvenile set fires is at least three times higher than what is reported. It is our goal to educate parents, teachers and friends of these youths to come forward and request information and assistance in dealing with what starts out to be a normal curiosity about fire. There are a number of websites where information is available including [www.sosfires.com](http://www.sosfires.com), and <http://www.usfaparents.gov/>. For more information, please contact Deputy Fire Chief Allen Manley at 508-672-0721. You can be assured your situation will be handled with complete privacy. *“Don’t let your child become a statistic.”*

Again this year we look forward to working with parents, the Westport Public Schools, the Montessori School, and other private schools to address juvenile fire setting issues, along with bomb threat incidents and false alarms.

Intentionally set fires in 2007 were unacceptably high. In June, at the peak of their season, Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures suffered a major loss to their business at the hands of two arsonists. These same two arsonists were also responsible for setting fire to the former Alhambra’s nightclub along with eleven additional properties in Fall River. After a long and tedious investigation, a team of investigators from the Westport Police and Fire Departments, Fall River Police and Fire Departments, Massachusetts State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were able to identify, and apprehend these individuals who are currently awaiting trial in Federal Court. The successful outcome of this case would have not been possible if any of these agencies acted independently. Another important aspect of these crimes being solved were largely a result of concerned citizens cooperating with police and fire investigators.

As we begin 2008, a national concern is that homeowners will see arson as a way out of their financial woes as gas prices rise and the economy declines. Arson is not acceptable, and the likelihood of being caught is highly probable. The insurance companies are not the only ones affected; in addition to the firefighters who respond and put their lives on the line, arson is a serious, potentially deadly crime that takes a toll on the entire community including a significant impact on property values in that area.

In addition to the investigations below, Westport Investigators assisted Little Compton, RI, Portsmouth, RI and Fall River, MA Investigators at their request on three different occasions.

There were nineteen (19) investigations conducted by the F&EID during the calendar year of 2007. These included nine (9) fires which were accidental, seven (7) incendiary (intentionally set) fires of which only two were not solved, and one (1) had a natural cause (lightning), and the remaining two (2) were undetermined.

Summary	Total	Accidental	Incendiary	Natural	Undetermined	Value
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Structure Fires	12	5	6	1		\$1,138,100.00
Vehicle Fires	7	4	1		2	\$62,075.00
Total Investigations	19	9	1	1	2	\$1,200,175.00

An Arson Hotline is maintained 24 hours a day for citizens to provide information in resolving suspected arson cases. Arson Hotline: (800) 682-9229

### Hazardous Materials Response Division Report – by Captain Bruce Martin, Jr.

With the creation of the Hazardous Materials Revolving Account came the creation of the Hazardous Materials Response Team. In 2007 the Haz–Mat Team has responded to 22 Haz–Mat incidents. The Department was able to recover a total to date of \$12,550.13. This money allowed us to purchase a response trailer and various control and containment supplies. Firefighters Glenn Nunes and Mark Brisk have completed the 160 Hour Hazardous Materials Technician program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and are now State Certified Haz–Mat Technicians. The Fire Department now has 4 State Certified Haz–Mat Technicians that work as a team to respond to Haz–Mat Incidents within the Town.

### Fire Prevention (Code Compliance Report – by Lieutenant Daniel Ledoux

Since my appointment to this position, I have strived to be available and efficient as possible for the taxpayers of my community. I have the responsibility for the organizing of files, reports and scheduling of appointments regarding Code Enforcement. With the large size of this Town, its continually changing demographics and population; my position is tasked in keeping all members of this community safe.

My goals were to become proficient in my duties as well as keep up with the continual evolution of State and Town safety codes that protect the public. Continual education and monthly seminars as well as having contact with the State Code Enforcement Officer for Westport's district help to achieve this goal. These continual education efforts in this field are essential to secure the safety of the community.

In addition, I am contacted by various companies who perform 21E reports, which include research on my part regarding potential past hazardous conditions of properties. This includes my researching records, some of which are hand written dating back to the early 1950's. Multiple files are continually being organized to help with this research. All new permits required, that have a future potential for review, are continually being filed for ease in future research. This file organization includes all aspects of code enforcement.

### Fire and Life Safety Education Division Report – by Lieutenant Brian A. Beaulieu

The public education committee is, and has been committed to educating students in the Town for a number of years. Educators meet with students from pre-school, kindergarten, second, and fourth grades up to four times a year, educating the students about basic fire safety, such as stay low and crawl under smoke, having meeting places, and get out, stay out, as well as fire prevention tips such as smoke detector testing and holiday safety.

We work with the Westport High School staff and students, the school resource officer, and select students, to educate students from the high school with issues such as seat belt use, impaired operation of motor vehicles, and long-term injuries. This had been accomplished through lecture type assembly and mock crashes held on school grounds.

The Council on Aging invited us for their open house "Celebrate the Generations". The Fire Department's open house in April was a great event attended by all ages.

Firefighter Kenneth Reilly and I continue to update our knowledge and techniques at the annual fire and life safety education conference, and have become members of the Student Awareness of Fire Educators (SAFE) Task Force, which is tasked with educating fire educators.

The committee has many hopes for expanding programs in the future to encompass all the residents of Westport and is available to speak to groups if requested. Together we can make Westport a safer place for all of us.

### Computer Coordinators Report – by Lieutenant Michael P. Silvia

In the past year, the Westport Fire Department continued to move forward in the field of computer technology. This past fall, we upgraded our telephone system between both stations. This upgrade, allows automatic switching from busy phone lines to lines that are not busy, voice mail and inter-station paging.

The Training Division, not only continues to track firefighters training records on computer but after downloading free software, are able to conduct training simulations of various fires and hazardous materials incidents, by superimposing smoke and fire images onto photographs of actual buildings in Town, giving a more realistic training opportunity.

This coming year I hope to be able to assist the Code Enforcement Officer in creating a database to allow him to maintain and track permits that are issued by the Department, as well as creating a database to track the maintenance of our self contained breathing apparatus.

The Department encourages everyone to visit our web site at <http://www.westport-ma.com/fire/index.html> for information about the Department and for safety tips.

### EMS Coordinators Report – by Firefighter/Paramedic Glenn Nunes

This past year, the EMS training division has continued it's aggressive approach towards education and training. Constant changes at the state level to ensure the highest quality of care is being rendered is always an ongoing task for our staff. This year we are excited to have purchased two new rescues, which are considerably larger given us more of a work area and allowing storage for additional equipment. Each year in fire service, EMS continues to grow. Our staff at the Westport Fire Department understands the daily challenges we face for treating sick and injured patients, therefore continuing education for our staff is provided monthly.

Just a few years ago, one of the local hospitals set up a Cardiac Catheterization Unit to continue the treatment that we provide for patients that may be experiencing a heart attack. Additional advanced care was provided to us for treating these patients aggressively to help prevent further heart damage until patients arrived for additional treatment.

This year, we are excited to mention the new approach to stroke patients. Thanks to Susan Jenkins, Stroke Coordinator at one of the local hospitals, we were provided with a new approach to stroke patients. New technology and treatment has been passed on to our staff, which will be beneficial for our community.

The Westport Fire Department's Water Rescue Team also continues its aggressive approach towards life safety. Several members of our team have been certified in Advanced Dive/Water rescue and will have ongoing training as a team. Also, we have and will continue to train with the lifeguards at the town beach (Cherry & Webb). CPR/AED and Advanced First Aid training has been provide to the lifeguards by the Westport Fire Department.

Additional training to the public was also offered. CPR/AED classes at the Westport Council on Aging were made available which included the members of Council on Aging, Board of Health and Town Landfill. Automatic External Defibrillators were also place at the Town Hall Annex and Town Landfill. The Westport Fire Department will offer annual training to keep certifications current.

### E-911 Coordinators Report – by Lieutenant John W. Andrade

Westport had another busy year adding or extending streets within the Town to accommodate increasing growth. In addition to our regular workload, some of the projects completed this year were the entire re-

numbering of East Beach Road and creation of a cross street directory. These directories help us efficiently find street addresses during emergencies.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having your street address visible from the street or from the top of your laneway. Applications for house number signs can be obtained at the Police Department. If your street does not have a sign, please contact the Fire Department and every effort will be made to have one erected.

I would also like to thank the staff of the Planning Board, Assessor's office, Highway Department, and Police Department, for all their assistance they provided to me this past year.

In the upcoming year, I will continue to work diligently improving the E-911 system. It is a continued honor to serve the residents of Westport.

### In Conclusion

I would like to thank all Town Departments and Boards for their support over the past year. I would especially like to thank the Police Department, Building Department, Town Administrator, and the Finance Committee for all the projects they assisted us with. I would like to give a special thank you to the Highway Department for their help over the past year with cleaning up the back yard at the Briggs Road Fire Station.

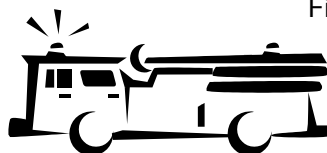
I would like to thank the business community for their continued support with our mission. Together working as a team we can make a safer community. There are several businesses that have gone above and beyond to support the mission of the Fire Department. They include Lees Market, Distinctive Auto Body, Mid City Steel, Venture Auto Sales, and the Nichols Foundation.

Projects over the next year for the Department include continuing to evaluate and maintain the limited hydrant system along the Route 6 corridor, work with ISO (Insurance Service Offices) to lower the Town's insurance rating and pass the savings on to the residents of Westport. We will continue to work and promote the proposed south end fire station, to get it funded and constructed.

In closing, the Fire Department will continue to adapt as the Town changes and will continue to be an active part of the community by participating in and sponsoring family orientated safety events throughout the year. These events such as Safety Day and the Fourth of July Parade would not be possible if it were not for the dedicated employees the Town has in the Westport Fire Department Staff. I would like to thank the Westport Permanent Firefighters Association, Westport Call-Firefighters Association, and the Westport Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for their continued support to the Department and the citizens of Westport.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Legendre  
Fire Chief



## **GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007**

### Introduction

It is with continuing pride that I submit to you this 2006-2006 Annual Summary Report, which describes our programs and successes.

Recognized as a leader among vocational technical high schools by local and statewide employers, Diman Regional, serving the district communities of Fall River, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport, has a long and proud tradition of producing highly skilled graduates. Our graduates not only possess the skills necessary to enter the workforce but also the academic foundation to continue their education at a two- or four-year college/university, community college, or technical institution.

In keeping with its mission "to develop the unique potential of each learner," Diman Regional continues to purchase and utilize cutting-edge technology, to update curricula, and to provide professional development opportunities for its staff. To say we are proud of the vocational technical programs and academic instruction we provide is an understatement.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and administration, I thank the Greater Fall River Vocational School District Committee, governmental leaders, citizens, and parents for their continued unwavering support.

Respectfully submitted,

Rogério Ramos  
Superintendent-Director

### GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Karl Hetzler, Chairperson - Fall River  
Thomas Branco - Somerset  
James Clarkin - Fall River  
Gabriel Andrade - Fall River  
Edward Hill - Swansea  
Paul Jennings - Westport

### GENERAL INFORMATION REPORTS

#### Summer Programs 2006

Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School offered a remedial make-up program in Shop Related Theory. The remedial program was self-funded with an enrollment of 9 students. Students who required remedial make-up in English, math, science or social studies were notified of area summer programs available B.M.C. Durfee High School, Somerset High School, Bristol Community College or private area tutors, which meet the Diman guidelines of summer make-up programs. Thirty students required math, 28 for English, 1 for biology, and none for social studies.

#### Orientation Process

On August 22-25, 2006, an orientation program was held in the school cafeteria for all new students. Students were given instructions for the opening of school, bus routes were assigned, and handbooks, as well as student schedules, were distributed and explained. Students also took photos for student ID's. A "Parent Night" was held on September 19, 2006, to familiarize parents of new students with school programs and the school's philosophy and policies. School administrators were present to explain their roles and what Diman expects of the students. An estimated 300 parents and students attended.

#### Admissions

For the school year 2006-2007 there were 595 applications for grade nine. In April 2006 the newly accepted students were tested in reading comprehension, numerical ability, mechanical reasoning, and language usage. Results were used to assist in the initial academic placement of incoming grade nine students. Three hundred sixty-six (366) were enrolled as of October 1, 2006.

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTALS
GRADE 9	211	155	366
GRADE 10	225	134	359
GRADE 11	187	148	335
GRADE 12	190	127	317
LPN – FR	3	38	41
LPN – NB	4	19	23
TOTALS	820	621	1441

### Westport Scholarship Recipients 2007

John & Abigail Adams Scholarship

Alysha Bernie

### Junior Class

During the 2006-2007 school year the Junior Class held 2 fundraisers with Reader's Digest (QSP) and one fundraiser with Dinner for Two Books to help defray the cost of the Junior Prom Boat Trip and Junior Class Teacher Appreciation Gift. Students were able to earn ½ price or free prom tickets with the amount of items sold. Both fundraisers were successful and we were able to sell Junior Prom Tickets for \$20.00 each or \$35.00 per couple with many students receiving ½ price or free tickets. The Boat Trip was held on May 25, 2007 on the Vista Jubilee with approximately 284 students in attendance and 20 chaperones. Armand Berube from Somerset was the DJ and Mare Studio attended to provide students with portrait opportunities. The balloons were purchased from L & E Rental and party favors and decorations from Stumps. The weather was perfect and all who attended had a great time. The Junior Class provided the faculty and staff with a luncheon from Marzilli's Bakery for Teacher Appreciation Week. Also, the Junior Class purchased "Class of 2007" Tassel Key Chain for the Senior Class which was given to each student on Class Night.

### Senior Class

The senior prom for the Class of 2007 was held June 1, 2007 at the Providence Marriott. It was a successful and enjoyable evening. There was 302 students attendance along with 20 chaperones. The seniors held several fundraisers this year including: Readers Digest/QSP, Papa Gino's fundraiser night, and a gift basket raffle. The Class of 2007 gave faculty and staff a Diman lunch bag for teacher appreciation week. The class donated a plaque in memory of John P. Harrington as a gift to the school along with a monetary donation to the John P. Harrington fund.

### National Honor Society

"Salvation Army Clothe-A-Child Project" - The annual project began in early November and was completed in December. Through the generosity of students, faculty, and staff members who made either monetary donations or personally sponsored a child, our chapter was able to purchase either a coat/hat/gloves or a complete outfit for 60 needy local children. Along with each outfit, a brand-new, age-appropriate book for each child was purchased. The major accomplishment that went hand-in-hand with this, was that they also raised an additional \$200.00 cash donation through the sale of Candy Canes at the school store. This was the third year the National Honor Society chose this as their Major Service Project and were also able to donate additional funds. This year the Graduation and Class Night ceremonies program books included special recognition of these NHS students by displaying an asterisk next to their names indicating that they earned NHS distinction.

## Project Spotlight

The Spotlight Program is affiliated with the University of Massachusetts in Dartmouth. It is an after school program at UMASS-Dartmouth for area high school students of higher learning potential. Thirty-eight students from Diman were enrolled in this program featuring mini courses, lectures and motivational speakers. Included this year were field trips to Harvard University, Trinity Repertory Company, and the Metropolitan in New York City to the Natural History Museum.

## Student Government

The Diman Student Government's Advisory Council was once again quite active this year, attending most of the Southeast Regional Advisory Council (SAC) meetings held in Wareham. The main agenda items at these meetings centered on current/pending legislation and regulations concerning student issues involving student rights; MCAS; competency exams for vocational students; MCAS and the special needs student; school authority over non-campus activities; issues related to raising the driving age and liking to school performance; and lengthening the school day. Similar to the past couple of years, student concerns at Diman centered mostly around the attendance policy and the student dress code. During the past year, the Student Advisory Council and the Key Club collaborated on a number of activities. Collaboration took place on the Holiday "Canned Goods" Drive to supply food baskets for needy Diman families; operation of the concession stand at the basketball games; preparation of roses sold on Valentine's Day; the Blood Drive; Class Night, and Graduation. In addition, the Student Advisory Council assisted at Governor Patrick's town meeting held here at Diman. Among the goals for next year are to continue having bi-weekly meetings with the Advisory Council, have a more active Student Senate, assist at Parents' Night, Open House, Diman's Information Night, and continue to assist in the previously mentioned activities, and to re-organize the Student Government in a committee structure similar to the way it is organized on the State level. The Student Government will also be taking a more active role in the review of the Student Handbook. Beginning in October, this will be an on-going assignment.

## Athletics

The 2006-2007 school year saw the return of Varsity Football and Golf to Diman. The football program had 77 students participating at three levels. Also, a number of other teams experienced success during their season. The girl's volleyball team qualified for the state Vocational Tournament and the State Tournament. The boy's basketball team returned to the State Tournament, but were defeated in the first round. Melissa Barbosa began the first female in the schools history to score 1000pts for the girl's basketball team. The ice hockey team qualified for the state tournament but was defeated in overtime in the first round. The girl's softball team went deep into the state playoffs, before losing in the finals (10 innings) of the south sectional tournament.

## "The Artisan" - Yearbook

The Yearbook committee consisted of 4 seniors who consistently participated at meetings. While three more members attended occasionally. The Yearbook committee decided on a spring delivery for this year with a supplement to follow in the fall. The supplement will contain spring sports and banquet, prom, post prom, graduation, NHS, ads, and a directory. This supplement will be mailed to students in the fall.

## "The Tradesman", School Newspaper

The 2006-2007 school year was a very successful year for Diman's school newspaper, "The Tradesman". In cooperation with the Graphic Arts Department, the newspaper was redesigned using Microsoft Publisher and was also printed in color for the first time. There were four editions of "The Tradesman" this year. In November, the newspaper featured the Skills-USA winners from the previous school year, who had met with



great success in Kansas City, MO. In January, Graphic Arts senior Crystal Soares was on the cover for her winning logo design, which was featured in Fall River's First Night Celebration. The newspaper also heralded all the holiday activity at Diman, including the National Honor Society's Clothe-A-Child Service Project, the Key Club's Christmas Food Drive, and the community-wide Scarf Project fronted by Ms. Ellenwood. This issue also covered one of the school year's biggest highlights, the Pep Rally. The May "Tradesman" ran a story on the International Club's first trip to Italy, and also featured the students who achieved great success at the Skills-USA state competition in Marlborough, MA. The final issue of the year included a front-page story on Governor Deval Patrick's visit to Diman. This edition also included an interview with a Diman student who wrote a fantasy novel, the first book written by a student to ever be included in the library's permanent collection. Overall, "The Tradesman" had a great year. The student reporters, writers, and photographers were dedicated and enthusiastic in putting together each issue. "The Tradesman" truly represents the best of what's happening here at our school.

### Tech Prep (Women in Technology)

Female Tech Prep students who are interested in a technology or engineering career may participate in the Women In Technology (WIT) program. These students receive support for the pursuit of a non-traditional trade through activities provided by Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth.

### Adventures In Technology

Adventures In Technology is made up of students in the Electronics Shop. The students' aim in their fundraising was to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of their certifications in the electronics field. They collected soda bottles at lunch, had raffles, a breakfast, and sold candy in school. Due to the fundraising success, they did share well with other needs throughout the school by donating to the food drive for those in need, funding certifications for soldering and instrumentation, a school gift of a mascot outfit, including a donation to the Harrington Scholarship, and, finally, a physics day at Six Flags.

### SkillsUSA

Diman's chapter of SkillsUSA began the 2006/2007 Academic Year by becoming a 100% Participation Chapter. As a 100% Participation Chapter, every secondary and post secondary student at Diman is enrolled into SkillsUSA and their dues are paid for by the District. In addition, the district has purchased the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program (PDP). Over twenty instructors/advisors participated in a train the trainer session in P.D.P facilitated by Karen Ward and Derek Heim at the start of the academic year.

### Academic Program Overview

#### English Language Arts Department

The English Language Arts Department had a very successful year. The graduating class of 2007 is the sixth class to have studied for all four years in the "McDougal Littell" Series. Mrs. Alice Goddard and Mr. Charles Fox, were the new members of the Department; their mentors were Ms. Baron-Cyr and Ms. Jaime Rebello, respectively. The ELA/RLA students are expected to read and write independently not only during their Shop Cycle but throughout the entire year. Textbooks and supplementary novels are implemented in their respective curriculum. During the 2006-2007 school year, many of the ELA faculty had their classes read, write and present contemporary book reviews on independent reading books that were borrowed from the school library. Many of these reading projects such as "Trifolds", CD covers and book reviews are on display in the school's Library. We are pleased with the success of our students and the ELA/RLA faculty who worked diligently to prepare our students for the ELA MCAS exam resulting in 99% earning an ELA competency determination.

#### Mathematics Department

Two new courses were offered: Geometry was offered to the majority of sophomores and a prototype course Algebra 1B (1073) was offered. These courses will become the standard level courses for 2007-2008. A new curricula was developed and aligned with the state standards for the Algebra 1B. This course will be offered to students who have completed Geometry as sophomores. Next year, the fourth year of a five-year plan, will necessitate development of an Algebra II course for seniors. Once the standard level courses have been revised, there will be a need to reassess the lower level offerings. The Math Department continues its strong commitment to developing the potential of its students. Substantial progress was made this past year as indicated by 85% of our students earning a competency determination in math. MCAS remediation was offered during school to those students who have yet to pass the MCAS. An MCAS preparation course was offered who were identified as "at risk" or who have never taken the MCAS. A record number 36 students enrolled in the Saturday MCAS class and 85% completed the five-week course.

### Science Department

Biology was offered to all freshmen and sophomores as a 2 period block. Sophomores took the MCAS Biology test. The MCAS results will be analyzed and the curriculum revised as necessary. This was the last year Biology II was offered to seniors. Next year seniors will be offered Anatomy & Physiology II, Applied Physics II, Astronomy and Chemistry II. Marine Biology was offered to juniors as well as the first year of the above named senior courses. Tech-Prep and Women-in-Technology programs continue to offer students linkage between academics and shop. New Chemistry and Physics books will necessitate curriculum realignment. MCAS results in Biology will necessitate curriculum realignment. Curriculum will be standards-based rather than chapter based. A standard lesson plan template was utilized. Lab activities will continue to be aligned to the frameworks. It would be safe to conclude that our students mastered many science concepts. Many students designed and performed their own original experiments.

### Social Studies Department

During the course of the 2006-2007 school year the following courses were offered by the Social Studies department: United States History I, United States History II, Honors United States History II, World History, Honors World History, American Government, Current Events, Sociology, Practical Law, and Economics. In the 2007-2008 school year, Contemporary United States History will be added as a senior elective. Throughout the school year, the department members have adhered to the Massachusetts Standards to ensure that the curriculum is in accordance with the History Frameworks. Final Exams were developed for each of the department's courses and were administered department wide during the months of May (seniors) and June (underclassmen). Students are tested on a regular basis. They are give shop cycle assignment and classroom projects. Students are also required to do a summer assignment. All students take final exams. Currently, students are not required to pass MCAS in History and Social Studies, but the Class of 2012 will be required to do so. The results of the pilot test taken by our students will be examined and curriculum revisions made as needed.

### Special Needs Department

The Special Education Department services students with disabilities. Diman has three programs designed to meet the various learning needs of our students with disabilities, General Shop, the Basic Program, and the Standard Program. General Shop is a one-year program offered to approximately 16 students during their freshman year. This program is to assist those students who require daily academic and vocational support as a means of assessing their academic and vocational ability in a more controlled environment. While in General Shop, half of the students have four periods of academic classes in the morning and four periods of shop in the afternoon. The other half of the GS students, flip this schedule by having shop in the morning and academics in the afternoon. The General Shop students have the opportunity to be moved into the Basic or Standard programs when they are evaluated at mid-year and again at the end of freshman year. Students with disabilities, who are determined to need a more structured schedule along with daily instruction and reinforcement in academics, enter the Basic program for usually for grades 10 through 12 where they are provided daily academic classes and go to a vocational shop where they have shown ability each on a half-day basis. The Standard Diploma Program is for students whose learning difficulties do not require academic

and vocational reinforcement on a daily basis. These students may receive services in English Language Arts and/or mathematics with modifications and accommodations in other academic areas as indicated in their Individualized Educational Plan, IEP. IEPs are reviewed annually to evaluate progress and determine appropriate placement and services. All students with disabilities entering Diman are expected to participate in the school summer reading requirement. This continues throughout their years at Diman and is expanded when entering grade 10 to include summer packets/projects in math, science, and history. All Diman students, with the exceptions of the General Shop and Basic Program, are required to participate in finals at the end of each school year. All teachers of the Standard program are reminded to adhere to all IEP and 504 Plan accommodations/modifications throughout the school year as well as when administering final exams. It is the goal of the Special Education Department to prepare students for productive lives as adults. The Department has students that are involved in SkillsUSA, Robotics Club, sports, the school newspaper, and Key Club. Many students with disabilities receive ribbons for Trade Fair projects annually. Some also become eligible to participate in the Co-Op Program. Our first student in the Basic Program to participate in co-op at the end of his junior year successfully continued as a senior in the class of 2007. Another senior competed in the Action Skills category of SkillsUSA and won gold. She will be competing at the national level in Kansas City at the end of June. For the Class of 2007, all but three students with disabilities passed both math and ELA MCAS. The Class of 2007, was the first class where students with disabilities were administered the initial MCAS tests and following re-takes in the Special Education classrooms with Special Education faculty proctoring. All but three of these students (two of which opted out of remediation classes) passed both the ELA and Math MCAS tests by the time of graduation. The junior class or the Class of 2008 has 26 students on IEPs. To date, 23 out of 26 have passed both math and English MCAS. These students also participated in the pilot MCAS administration of both science and history.

### Vocational Program Overview

The Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration shop installed air conditioning for the Westport Senior Center and the housebuilding project, as well as refrigeration repairs throughout the school.

The Automotive Collision Repair program provided its services to both Diman and the surrounding communities. Somerset had their police cars, SUV, trailer, and motorcycle repaired while Fall River's Fire vehicle was repaired as well. In addition, the department buffed aluminum blocks made by the Machine Shop for the annual Mayor's meeting.

The Automotive Technology shop both maintained and repaired hundreds of automobiles for the municipalities and residents therein during the 2005/2006 school year. The AM shop program is NATEF/ASE Certified.

Diman's Facilities Management program was involved in numerous community service programs throughout the school year. Repair to the bleachers at the Bank Street Armory, instillation of a climbing wall at Case Junior High, signs for the Henry Lord Middle School and the Somerset Police and Fire departments were some of the accomplishment completed by the shop.

The Culinary Arts program was busy serving the staff and public throughout the 2005/2006 school year. In addition to serving daily breakfast and lunch offerings, the CA department provided community service by preparing turkeys for the Salvation Army during the Thanksgiving holiday. The CA program is nationally certified by the American Culinary Federation.

The Dental Assisting program participated in the giant community Health Fair held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. In addition nine juniors passed the Radiation Health and Safety Exam and 11 juniors passed the Radiology Exam administered by DANBY.

The Drafting department was prodigiously engaged in activities for Diman and the sending communities in the 2006 school year. The kitchen cabinet layout and the Diman Press Box were two of the many jobs done by the Drafting department.

The Electrical department has had an impressive year that included a tremendous amount of community service work for the sending communities. Project locations include: Town of Westport Senior Center, Westport's Harvest Festival, Fall River's Central and Stanley Street Fire Station, City Hall and First Night celebration to name but a few.

The Electronics department had a gold medal winner in the Skills USA competition during the 2006 school year (senior Steven Rioux). The ET program offers students certification/licensing opportunities by NARTE, ETA, ETPA and the FCC.

The Graphic Communications program was busy for the 2005/2006 school year helping civic organizations including but not limited to: the Bank Street Armory in Fall River, the City of Fall River, the Greater Fall River Softball League, Fall River Knights of Columbus, The Fall River Police Department, and the Fall River Chamber of Commerce to name but a few. The department also does work for the various departments and instructors at Diman, accounting for an average of 200,000 copies per month. The GA department is scheduled to be certified by the Printing Industries of America in 2007.

The Health Careers The HC shop demonstrated civic pride by sponsoring their annual blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross in December of 2005. The drive raised numerous pints of blood at this most critical time of the year. The HC department also raised money in their annual walk-a-thon. Another success story for the HC shop in 2006 was the junior CNA program under the tutelage of Mrs. Berube. The pass rate of 100% speaks for itself as this certification is an important first step in the careers of many HC students.

The House and Mill Carpentry program had a very successful year in 2006. Besides the completion of the Solomon home in June of 2006, the department's cabinetmaking program manufactured beautiful cabinets and a kitchen island that adds further to the sophistication of the Solomon home. The HMC department also provided services for Diman and the sending communities as well. Hall of Fame plaques were manufactured for the Diman Alumni to give to the 2005 Hall of Fame recipients. Furthermore, Diman "wooden nickels", manufactured using Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) technology were awarded to many dignitaries as a gift for their contributions to the Diman community. Gifts were also made by the House and Mill Carpentry program that were raffled off at the Massachusetts Vocational Association conference in March of 2006. The program will return to Westport, MA to build the Cadime home on Gifford Road Street in 2006/2007.

Diman's Metal Fabrication and Welding program was exceedingly busy in the 2006 school year. The department produced thousands of dollars worth of work for the District as well as the sending communities. The Westport Senior Center and Fall River's First Night were two of the many recipients who benefited from the work done in the MF program. Alyssa Bouchard, a senior in the Metal Fabrication and Welding shop, won gold at the national SkillsUSA competition held in June of 2006. The Metal Fabrication and Welding program received national certification in 2005 by the American Welding Society.

The Office Technology program has completed a four-year curriculum and has been awarded conditional Chapter 74 approval with full approval slated for the end of the 2007 school year. The department completed a plethora of work for the sending communities including converting the Fall River Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures Manual to a computerized document.

During this past school year, the Precision Machine shop worked diligently to hone student competencies while serving both the Diman and sending communities. Community service projects completed include manufacturing clocks for the annual Mayor's meeting sponsored by Mayor Edward Lambert, as well as the Somerset Housing Authority and the Fall River Police Department. The Machine Shop program is nationally certified by the National Institute of Metalworking Skills organization.

Plumbing Technology students were provided with a plethora of experiential learning opportunities that proved invaluable to the students and communities that were served by said students during the 2005/2006 school year. The list of community service projects locations include: Fall River's Bicentennial Comfort Station, Fall River's Water Department, Somerset Public Access Cable T.V., along with numerous plumbing repair jobs for the school.

### Co-Operative Education

On May 25, 2007, senior sign-out day, a total of one hundred ninety-seven (197) applications were on file from students in the class of 2007 indicating their interest to participate in the Co-op program. The class of 2007 was comprised of 292 students. During the 2006-07 school year, one hundred sixty-five (165) senior placements were found for these students. During the 2006-07 school year, over one hundred eighteen (118) employers supervised and continued training these one hundred sixty-five (165) seniors. All of these students

had met the “academic/vocational requirements” before being placed into the Cooperative Education Program. These employers offered skill-upgrade training in several diversified occupational clusters using the work place as a learning environment. One of the most important strategies used in brokering for a student is knowing what the employers’ needs are and matching those needs to that of students’ competencies, abilities, and work traits based on the vocational instructor’s evaluation and the student’s attendance record. Our shop instructors and I are very pleased and appreciate the fact that thirty-seven (37) employers in the Greater Fall River area, as well as in the outlying areas of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have hired our students to work for them during the summer months and we value the training that our students are receiving. The vast majority of the employers participating in our Co-op program all agree that a student trainee must possess several basic fundamental skills such as a positive attitude and a good attendance record.

## Evening School

Following is a list of classes and enrollment numbers for the 2006-2007 school year for the Evening Division: Welding (24), Electric Code Update (49), Journeyman Electric (58), Journeyman Plumbing (54), Journeyman Gas Fitter (9), Master Plumber (17), Basic HVAC (18), Advanced HVAC (9) for a total enrollment of 280.

## School Of Practical Nursing

This Annual Report will reflect the successes of the 2006-2007 school year of the Practical Nurse Program in its continued effort to provide quality career/technical education. The Fall River Day Program admitted 41 students; 20 are anticipated to graduate on June 22, 2007. One student was admitted as a transfer to Term 3 from an outside school and one as a re-admission to Term 4. Both are anticipated to graduate. This program also experienced 23 transfers from the Day Program this year; most of them due to academic difficulty. It is anticipated that 36 students will enter the second year in August 2007. The New Bedford satellite, which opened on August 31, 2004, started a third year with 23 students being admitted and 12 anticipating graduation. In addition, one student was admitted as a transfer to Term 3 from an outside school, one was readmitted to Term 3, and one to Term 4. All are anticipated to graduate.

Students affiliated at the following clinical sites: Charlton, St. Luke’s and Center for Women’s Health/North Dartmouth, New Bedford Primary Care Clinic, Head Start of Fall River, Early Head Start of Fall River, Catholic Memorial Home, Clifton Rehabilitative Nursing Center, Southpointe Skilled Nursing, Somerset Ridge Nursing Center, Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Alden Court, CFC/Early Intervention, Diman Regional Vocational-Technical High School, Health Careers, IDDI Crystal Springs, Assonet, MA, Health First/WIC, Town Nurse/Somerset, Diman Regional School Nurse, Westport Middle School/School Nurse, New Bedford Rehabilitative Hospital, Center for Children and Families/St. Anne’s Hospital, Schwartz Center for Children, Brandon Woods Adult Day Care and Riverview Adult Day Care, Providence VA Medical Center, Rhode Island Veteran’s Home. Also, students participated in field trips to: Boston Museum of Science (Body Works Exhibition), Massachusetts Extended Care Federation Long-Term Care Student Day, Hope House, Southeastern Massachusetts Residential Services group homes and tours of various assisted living facilities. Students also participated in many community projects including: Diman Regional/Town of Somerset Health Fair (held at Somerset COA for the 1<sup>st</sup> year), Annual Open House Teddy Bear Clinic (Diman Regional), Red Cross Blood Drives (November, April & June; 10<sup>th</sup> year), Fall River Child Nutrition Partnership Infant Food Drive (8<sup>th</sup> year), Diabetes Association Walk for Camp Kyle, Town of Somerset flu clinics (4), Veterans Primary Care Clinic flu clinics (4), In addition, students volunteered their time and effort to chaperone the after-prom party at Diman for a third year. Approximately 10 students participated in the Diabetes Association Walk-a-thon. All students participated as judges/patients for Skills USA State competition. Employment opportunities for the 2006 graduating class remained bright with a documented 100% job placement including those continuing their education. Those graduates reporting NCLEX results have a 100% pass rate.

## Grants

Diman applied for and received funding for various grants, which totaled \$927,708.

- 1). The Carl Perkins Grant (\$205,057) funded:  
Auto Mechanics: Front end alignment

- Professional Development: Travel for attendance at various national conferences and Mileage reimbursement
- Consultant for Integration Committee
- Contractual speakers and payment for substitute teachers
- One English Language Learner Coordinator to implement mandates of ELL
- One Project Coordinator for Co-Op Job Sites to work with employers to implement Voc-Tech Frameworks at job sites
- Two Paraprofessionals to work in and with classroom and shop instructors tutoring students and assisting coordinator with implementation of ELL mandates and policies
- 2). The Special Needs 94-142 grant (\$291,283) Salary and benefits for three special education teachers; stipends for strategic TAT Committee, Extends, After-School Homework Support Project. Contractual services for MCAS math coach; consultant Dr. Lisa Battaglini, Lisa St. Laurent (licensed therapist) to conduct social group, Community Connections, NCS Pearson for successmaker support, travel and supplies.
  - 3). Title V grant (\$2,991) purchased software, books and videos.
  - 4). Title I grant (\$340,159) Salary and benefits of two reading teachers and one math teacher, travel; attendance at Title I conference, field trips and supplies, extends stipends.
  - 5). Academic Support (Weekend) (\$13,847) was utilized for a weekend MCAS program for grades 10, 11 and 12 students in English Language Arts, math, and Vocational. Fall program remediation for Grades 11 and 12. Spring preparation program for Grade 10 in ELA and math.
  - 6). Title II, Part A (\$60,825) salary and benefits of one math teacher.
  - 7). Special Education Program Improvement (\$11,406) stipends for Mentor Program and contractual services for autism specialist.
  - 8). Compass School (\$2,500): These funds are to be used to improve student performance, staff development, curriculum materials and instructional technology.

## GREATER FALL RIVER VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2006 - 2007 BUDGET

<u>Foundation Budget</u>	\$17,528,059
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### Revenue:

Chapter 70 Foundation Aid	\$12,983,299
Community Assessments	<u>4,544,760</u>
	\$17,528,059

### Foundation Expenses:

1000 Administration	\$ 1,447,550
2000 Instruction	9,095,279
3000 Student Related Expenses	690,966
4000 Plant Operations/Maintenance	2,737,875
5000 Retirement & Insurance	<u>3,556,389</u>
	\$17,528,059

### Foundation Community Assessments:

Fall River	\$ 1,712,686
Somerset	1,040,782
Swansea	1,034,658
Westport	<u>756,634</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,544,760

## 2006-2007 TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

### Transportation (By Regional Agreement)

Student Transportation Expenses	\$ 479,500
Chapter 71 Transportation Aid (41% Reimbursement)	<u>411,258</u>
Regional Transportation Assessment	\$ 68,242

	<u># Students</u>	<u>Ratio</u>	<u>Regional Assessment</u>	<u>Community Assessment</u>
Fall River	1059	0.7747	\$ 68,242	\$ 52,866
Somerset	105	0.0768	\$ 68,242	5,242
Swansea	118	0.0863	\$ 68,242	5,891
Westport	85	0.0622	\$ 68,242	<u>4,243</u>
	1367			\$ 68,242

### Total Community Assessments

	<u>Foundation</u>	<u>Transportation</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fall River	\$1,712,686	\$ 52,866	\$1,765,552
Somerset	\$1,040,782	\$ 5,242	1,046,024
Swansea	\$1,034,658	\$ 5,891	1,040,549
Westport	<u>\$ 756,634</u>	<u>\$ 4,243</u>	<u>760,877</u>
TOTAL	\$4,544,760	\$ 68,242	\$4,613,002

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster hereby submits his report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

The 2007 boating season was pretty much the same as last year with the cost of fuel over \$3 per gallon, but the overall weather was very good with little fog and calm winds.

As usual, we ran the CVA (Clean Vessel Act) pumpout from May 7 through November 21, 2007 with over (10,610) gallons of septage (boat waste) taken from (664) vessels. CVA grant monies of approximately \$17,000 paid for this program, which operates two vessels and their associated costs. With the CVA grant monies, we purchased and installed a new 90 HP E-TEC outboard for the 22' Angler and new 115 HP E-TEC engines for the 21' Alkar pumpout boats.

The 24" Privateer Harbormaster boat had a new 200 HP E-TEC engine installed on it in August '07 with monies from the Harbormaster capital account.

Finally, after about 8+ years, the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers started dredging the main channel from #12 red nun to about the #24 red nun. This federal channel is laid out to enter on the east side of Half Mile Rock, 200 feet wide to a depth of 10' at mean low water and continue north and eastward to red nun #24. With this federal designation and expenditure totaling about one million dollars, it means that down the road (15-30 years) or whatever, when it needs dredging again, the U.S. Army Corp. is responsible to do it as long as funding is in place. In other words, Westport, for the first time, is on their books and the U.S. Army Corp. is responsible for 80% of any future maintenance dredging with the state in for 15% and the Town of Westport 5%.

Nothing can be placed in this channel other than navigation aids. No docks can be built into it or mooring

blocks placed into it. The next phase is for the Town and U.S. Coast Guard working together, to properly mark both sides of Half Mile Rock and up into the river.

Many people had a hand in this dredging project, especially the dredging committee members as follows:

Chuck Goldberg	Jack Reynolds	Warren Messier
Carl Tripp	Woody Underwood	Russ Hart
David Cole	Ed Carey	Rick Tongue
Gary Sherman	Ron Knapp	Veronica Beaulieu

Also, Charlene Wood, Michael Coughlin, Garth Patterson, Congressman Barney Frank, Senator John Kerry, and Senator Ted Kennedy, and Representative Michael Rodrigues helped the Town of Westport fund and complete this dredging project.

The state dredge project around Westport Point Town Docks and adjacent creek has been delayed because of eel grass (approx. 4,000 sq feet). The next dredge window will be in June 2008 or Oct-Dec 2008. Hopefully this long overdue project will be completed in 2008 with 75% paid by the state monies, CPC monies that have been set aside and 10% from the private sector.

The Harbormaster Dept. responded to over 40 calls for assistance using the 24' rescue boat during the 2007 season.

On May 4, 2007 two people from Connecticut were rescued from their overturned 20' Hobiecat off the Hens and Chickens reef with both people suffering from hypothermia. Assistant Jonathon Paull assisted on this rescue with the water temp at about 50 degrees. On July 7, 2007 assistants Gary Tripp and James Perry rescued three people from the 27' sailboat "San Souci" which hit and ran on to the sunken cement barge off of Hens and Chickens with boat later sinking and one week later being re-floated by Towboat U.S of Westport and New Bedford.

On July 8, 2007 assistants Greg Robb and Gary Tripp rescued two people from the 40' sailboat "To Can Too" after it hit rocks off of Hens and Chickens inside channel. This vessel stayed afloat and was towed into F.L. Tripp & Sons Marina.

The State Boat Ramp had 260 season permits issued and approximately 2,275 one-day users during the 2007 boating season as the weather was above average for boating.

Revenues collected during the 2007 season as follows:

Slip & Mooring Fees (approximately 1,300)	\$ 72,408
Private Mooring \$10 Permits (352)	3,520
Town Mooring Rentals – Seasonal	2,400
Town Mooring – Rent Daily	200
State Boat Ramp (daily gate –2275)	11,361
State Boat Ramp – Seasonal (260)	9,100
Estimated Boat Excise Tax (Municipal Waterways)	28,558
Estimated Boat Excise Tax (General Fund)	25,921
Total Paid by Boaters in 2007	\$153,468

As always, I would like to publicly thank my dedicated assistants James Perry, Jonathon Paull, Gary Tripp, Greg Robb and John Bevis and volunteer assistant Richard Hart (Sweet Pea) for a job well done and who at times when called upon put their lives at risk for the sake of the Town and boating public. Special thanks go out to the women at Town Hall, as these women make life so much easier for the Harbormaster Department. Professional thanks to the Westport Police Department and its dispatchers, Westport Fire Department, Harbor Advisory and River Dredging Committees, as these people are a great help to the Harbormaster and his Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Earle  
Harbormaster

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

I hereby submit this report as department head of the Westport Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 2007.

In 2007, the Highway Department continued to maintain 160 miles of roadway. During the paving season the following roads were paved: Tickle Road, Kim Drive, section of Briggs Road, Easy Briggs Road, Osborn Street, Arlington Avenue, Zulmiro Drive, Pleasant Street, Cottage Street, Maple Street, Greenwood Avenue, Glenwood Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, Oakland Avenue, School Street, First Avenue, Second Avenue, Third Avenue, Fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue.

Top priorities for 2007 included the rebuilding of the Town Dock boat ramp, the long overdue repair of drainage on Drift Road, Main Road and Pinehill Road, the placing of benches for the Central Village Public Improvements Committee and the beginning of tree removal along the roadsides to clean up and prevent power outages.

The Highway Department has regular duties of:

1. General maintenance and resurfacing of roads;
2. Installation and repair of drainage;
3. Cleaning and installation of catch basins;
4. Tree trimming and brush cutting;
5. Mowing along sides of roads and landings;
6. Processing of loam, sand, gravel and stone on site;
7. Winter season plowing and sanding;
8. Maintenance of vehicles and equipment; and
9. Roadside pick up of rubbish.

As with prior years, the Highway Department has assisted other Town departments with their projects and undertakings. We continue to look forward to accommodating the needs of the Town of Westport and will remain efficient in this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold J. Sisson Jr.  
Highway Surveyor

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE WESTPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

The following is a report of the Westport Historical Commission for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Regular Members:  
Geraldine Millham

Alternate Members:  
Anne Baker

Norma Judson  
Sharon L. Connors  
Jane Loos  
Bette DeVeuve  
Dora Atwater Millikin  
Arlene Cloutier

Barbara Koenitzer  
James H. Collins, Jr.  
Timothy Bryant

Overseeing the Westport Point Historic District continues to be the most time consuming work of the WHC. During 2007, the Westport Historical Commission (WHC) held a total of 39 hearings and reviews involving 17 preliminary reviews and 12 public hearings (of which 4 were continued to a later meeting). The public hearings resulted in WHC granting 6 certificates of appropriateness, amending 4 certificates of appropriateness previously granted, issuing 5 certificates of non-applicability, and one withdrawn application. WHC denied zero applications. Those receiving a certificate of appropriateness involved 4 major and 7 minor renovations.

The Westport Historical Commission updated its Rules and Regulations, Guidelines for the Historic District (adding exterior lighting guidelines), and the application form. These were all approved at a public hearing in December. The application has been improved, to make it more user-friendly, with more explicit directions for making a complete and correct application.

The Waite-Potter chimney restoration project has been completed with the structure now stable and rebuilt and no longer held up by its encroaching vegetation. Our thanks to Pete Baker for overseeing this project and to Steve Tyson and his employees for their expert work. The Waite-Potter house is pictured on our Town Seal. Although the house is no longer standing, we are proud to participate in preserving this chimney, which is one of Westport's most historic and important structures.

The project to identify and register Westport's historic cemeteries has been completed and was presented to the Board of Selectmen in August. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers, particularly Betty Slade, Paul Pannoni and Andrew Isidoro, a high-school volunteer.

The spring Town Meeting passed unanimously a change to the Demolition By-Law by extending the delay time from 180 to 365 days. We feel this support was at least in part due to the imposition of a six-month delay on demolition of the Tuckerman Farm main residence and the unsuccessful attempts to save it. It was strongly felt that additional time might have made a difference.

The Westport Historical Commission maintains the Westport Inventory of Historic Buildings, Structures, Cemeteries and Objects. This year the WHC has completed the initial stages of updating this important document. It is available in the Head Librarian's office of the Westport Public Library. The Building Inspector's office also has a copy that can be reviewed by homeowners contemplating making changes to their homes. The Westport Historical Commission inventory is an on-going project and we appreciate additional information or corrections.

Additionally, this year the WHC was involved in turning over administration of the Town Farm to the Trustees of Reservation and the Westport Land Trust; the transcription of Poor Farm materials into electronic form; and the addition of the Westport Historical Commission to the Town of Westport website and providing application forms, guidelines and other materials there.

This year we proudly announce the receipt of two historic-related awards: from the Massachusetts Historic Commission to Tim Bryant for the restoration of his home at 212 Cornell Road and a WHALE award for the Wolf Pit School restoration. We were the grateful recipients of a \$1000 donation for the cemetery identification project.

The Commission continues to publish and make available a number of publications including "Pa and " and "Westporters and the Civil War". Commission members continue to work on the revision and republishing of the "Head of Westport: a Brief History" and a "Walking Tour Guide to its Historic Houses".

WHC house plaques for buildings over 50 years old are still available. The Commission is prepared to supply new or replacement house plaques to residents of Westport at the nominal cost of \$50 per plaque. Application forms for plaques are available on the second floor of Town Hall on the WHC bulletin board.

The Westport Historical Commission annual budget of \$539 goes to supplies, postage, printing costs and advertising public notices.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Connors, Chair

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The Westport Housing Authority is a public agency operated by a Board of Commissioners composed of four town elected members and a Governor Appointee. This Authority is regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) and operates a 48-unit complex known as Greenwood Terrace at 666 State Road. It is the only development under the auspices of the Authority. All units are two room (one bedroom) units suitable for an individual or a couple. This state subsidized housing is available to applicants at least 60 years of age or disabled with incomes not exceeding \$41,000 for one person and \$46,850 for two. There is no asset limit. Rents are based on thirty per-cent (30%) of the tenant's income. Applications are processed according to state determined priorities and preferences basis.

### **Report 2007**

After years of level funding, the State has awarded Housing Authorities budget increases these past two years. Along with these budget increases, the Governors Office, along with the State Legislature, has released some much needed modernization money for maintenance and repairs to our facilities. The Authority was able to install forty (40) new stoves in the apartments. The Housing Authority has also been awarded a \$670,000 grant to replace the windows and siding on the all seven (7) buildings. Construction should begin in the spring. Additionally, the Authority has received a second grant to repair/replace the stoops and sidewalks within the development and will be addressing drainage/moisture issues in the basements in a couple of buildings. With a need for additional housing in the town, the Authority is still pursuing options to construct additional units on the approximately three acres of land adjacent to the existing site.

### **Board of Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners holds their regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. Interested community members and tenants are welcome to attend.

#### **Members for 2007**

Donald Maynard  
Elizabeth Collins  
Duncan Albert  
Ron Costa  
Marjorie Holden

#### **Position**

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Governor's Appointee

#### **Term Expires**

2011  
2010  
2008  
2011  
2007

Respectfully submitted

Steven A. Beauregard  
Executive Director

# **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Housing Partnership Committee hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Westport appointed Sean Leach, Duncan Albert, Elizabeth Collins, John Montano, and Brian R. Corey, Jr., as members of the Housing Partnership Committee (H.P.C.). Over the past six months the current Housing Partnership Committee concentrated their efforts on bringing affordable housing to Westport, with the creation of a development on approximately 31 acres of Town-owned property located on the east end of American Legion Highway (Route 177) commonly referred to as the Quinn and Perry properties. To accomplish this goal the H.P.C. focused their efforts in three (3) key areas: a review of the consultants report; a review of existing site conditions; and implementation of the project goals.

Firstly, the committee reviewed the report provided by G.L.C. outlining their recommendations for the site and project. It became clear that the major issues that needed to be addressed by the Committee in order for the project to proceed were: density, a water supply for the project, the current designation of the land as contaminated, the status of the clean up, the viability of a sub-surface sewage disposal system, project cost and funding.

Determinations were made by the Housing Partnership Committee based upon the consultant's recommendation that the project, as designed, should produce 54 units of housing. Forty-four (44%) percent would be priced as affordable. There would be a mix of one, two, and three bedroom units designated as either condominium units or rental units. The units will be designed to meet the architectural character historically found in Westport. The project will incorporate "green", site development and building principles. The location of the site necessitates the creation of an onsite sewage disposal system not to exceed 9999 gallons in capacity as well as a public water supply. In order for the project to be built, the environmental clean up would have to be completed by the Town of Westport. A private developer utilizing private funds would complete the project. The developer would proceed with the project pursuant to a request for proposal. The project would be permitted as allowed by G.L. Chapter 40b, or via a special permit under a Town By-Law written for development of this area of American Legion Highway.

With the aforementioned requirements, the Committee conducted a review of the relevant Town records regarding the onsite environmental issues. Michael Coughlin, Town Administrator, has kept us informed with regards to the environmental clean up and has secured funding sources to complete the same. The prior committee had not sited a public water supply or secured one from the Town of Dartmouth. We requested and received preliminary assurances from the environmental consultant, that a Public water supply may be viable onsite. Because of the preliminary nature of said assurance, we have requested that the Selectmen reopen negotiations with the Town of Dartmouth to utilize their public water system for this project only.

A review of the Board of Health records revealed that the property had only one percolation test performed. We were assured that the rate was "fantastic" and that the site could accommodate a system to service all units. We requested and received assistance from both the B.O.H. and the Highway Department regarding completing the necessary percolation tests. The additional twenty-three (23) tests required for design and permitting of the sewage disposal should be completed by the late spring/early summer of 2008.

Finally, the Housing Partnership Committee recognized that current Zoning By-Laws prohibit a development of this size and type, and undertook authorship of a By-Law that fulfills the goals of the Town, produces affordable housing, and provides for the preservation of the environment and passive recreation opportunities for all of the Town. This By-Law has gone through four (4) drafts, and with the assistance of the Westport Planning Board is being prepared in final form for presentation at Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian R. Corey, Jr., Chair

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LANDING COMMISSION

## TREASURER

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer, December 31, 2007.

Balance January 1, 2007	\$36,426.21
Received from Leases	5,240.00
Interest Received on Deposits	<u>1,568.72</u>
TOTAL	\$43,234.93
Expenditures 2007	8,838.78
Balance December 31, 2007	\$34,396.15

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WESTPORT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Westport Free Public Library hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

## Trustees

Marjorie T. Sandborg, Chair  
Pauline B. Dooley, Vice-Chair  
Nancy M. Dawson

Susan Burke Pedreira  
Joseph A. Wisniewski Jr.  
Robert J. Gormley

## Staff

Susan R. Branco  
Linda R. Cunha

Jane L. Young  
Joshua R. Brum  
Janina A. Oliver  
Ethel L. Rodrigues  
Leona E. Andrade  
Loretta Price  
Bonnie Strebel  
John Medeiros

Library Director  
Assistant Library Director/  
Children's & Young Adult Librarian  
Principal Clerk  
Principal Clerk  
Library Aide  
Library Substitute  
Library Substitute  
Library Substitute  
Library Substitute  
Custodian

The Westport Free Public Library is certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners enabling us to share resources with forty other communities in Southeastern Massachusetts.

We are pleased to report that the Library has received a gift from The Manton Foundation, based in New York City, for a building expansion. In January, a preliminary building committee met to begin the search for a designer. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was written and submitted to Town Counsel for approval. In October the RFP went out to bid. The Town Building Committee met in early December to select three finalists to interview. We are hopeful that the Board of Selectmen will award the contract to the architect recommended at their meeting in January, 2008.

The Library Improvement Committee reupholstered another chair for the seating area and blinds were installed on two windows for security purposes.

Thanks to Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School staff and students, we have new siding on three sides of the Library.

We received a generous gift from Neil & Sue Van Sloun, which we will use to update our SAILS network computers or use for other needs that may arise.

The children's and young adult programs are well attended. Linda lead "Time for Tots" for two and one-half to three-year-olds and "Story Time" for four and five-year-olds. Fall was a ten-week session and Winter was fourteen weeks. She visited Codim Monk Pre-School, Westport Country Day, Macomber School and Westport Elementary School. Classes come to the Library from both the elementary and middle schools.

The Young Adults had a Frisbee demonstration in May by World Champion, Todd Brodeur and a build your own "Lego Car" workshop presented by BCC engineering department teacher, Mary Cass, in the Fall. During school vacation in February, Linda lead a "Dinosaur" program and during April vacation Canine Officer, Kristen Barboza, visited with his bloodhound.

The "Magic of Steve Rudolph" was sponsored by the Friends of the Westport Library (FOWL) in March. In July, the Westport Arts Council sponsored Tim Van Egmond, a storyteller/musician. FOWL also sponsored the August magical comedy show by Greg McAdams and David Mello, storyteller/puppeteer. In October, the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust sponsored Tony Lepore who presented a Halloween Safety Show. In December, we had a Holiday Story Family Night with Ron Ricci's Polar Express Train sponsored by FOWL.

The Summer Reading Program included eight pre-school evening Pajama Story Hours and twelve workshops for kindergarten through sixth grade. Prizes were provided by Nick's Pizza and Book Lovers to all the children who completed the summer reading program. The Westport Bicycle Shop donated a bike to the lucky raffle winner.

Sadly, our Town lost Gayle Boudria, a principal clerk at the Library for twenty-five years. Gayle passed away in February. On August 21, 2007, a granite bench, in front of the Library, was dedicated to Gayle. This was made possible by the generosity of Town employees. Mary Graham, who was a library substitute for fifteen years, sadly, passed away in June. Her family has donated book baskets in her memory to be used by library patrons while selecting their reading material.

Deborah Lee resigned from the Board of Trustees in April and we thank her for her ten years of service. Robert J. Gormley was elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term. We added two substitutes to the staff. Our fifteen volunteers help on a weekly basis with shelving and other tasks. Their support is invaluable.

FOWL had a most successful annual September book sale raising \$3,204.25, which they donated to the Library. We also have an ongoing book sale sponsored by FOWL. "America's Founding Food: the story of New England Cooking" presented by Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald was sponsored by FOWL in August. Allen's Neck Community Club provided funding to FOWL, which helped sponsor various programs. In October, author Anastasia Goodstein volunteered her time to present a program for parents about what teens and tweens are really doing online, based on her new book, "Totally Wired".

Our Community Room is put to good use by the weekly Bridge Club, two Girl Scout troops, and a writing

group and Book club. New members are always welcome.

Many thanks are extended to the Westport Garden Club for our holiday poinsettias and to Susan Dutra for her advice and help in beautifying our gardens.

Susan and Linda attended a workshop sponsored by the Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Library System (SEMLS) in November regarding building projects, a very timely topic.

In April, we held our Volunteer Tea in appreciation of individuals who help out at the Library and in December, the Trustees and FOWL held a Holiday Luncheon for our staff, to show our appreciation for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie T. Sandborg, Chair

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MODERATOR**

I respectfully submit my 2007 Annual report as Moderator of the Town of Westport.

### **Town Meetings**

Thanks to the cooperation of the Westport School Department Maintenance Staff, the Registrars of Voters, volunteer tellers, the Westport Police Department, the Board of Selectmen and their staff, departing Town Administrator Charlene Wood, Town Clerk Marlene Sampson, timekeeper Beverly Kut, Town Counsel, all warrant article sponsors and, most importantly, the voters in attendance, Westport held a successful Annual Town Meeting beginning May 1, 2007 and concluding May 2, 2007. The meeting was held at the auditorium at Westport High School. Voters in attendance exercised true democracy with passion and zeal and with respect for the views of their neighbors and for the town meeting process. All involved deserve to be commended.

### **Finance Committee**

The terms of Finance Committee members Robert McCarthy, John "Jack" Baughan and Lisa Arnold expired June 30 2007. Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Arnold generously consented to serve another 3 years and were re-appointed. Jack Baughan asked not to be re-appointed. Mr. Baughan served the Town with wisdom, honor and dedication for many years. He deserves our deepest gratitude. Antone Vieira was appointed to fill the Mr. Baughan's position.

### **Finance Committee As Of January 2008**

<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires</u></b>
Jane Loos, Chairman	June 30, 2008
Edward Goldberg	June 30, 2008
Todd Cormier	June 30, 2008
Paul Schmid III	June 30, 2009
John E. Miller	June 30, 2009
Warren M. Messier	June 30, 2009
Robert N. McCarthy	June 30, 2010
Antone Vieira	June 30, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Fors, Moderator

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board hereby submits its annual report for the year 2007.

### Role

Under the Massachusetts General Laws, the Planning Board is charged with formulating and administering Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in accordance with the Subdivision Control Act; with reviewing plans for all proposed subdivisions and monitoring the construction of their new roads; with reviewing and holding public hearings on all zoning amendments; with granting certain Special Permits and Site Plan Approvals and with preparing the Master Plan. In addition, the Board advises the Town on land use projects and policies and tracks development trends affecting Westport. The Planning Board staff supports the Planning Board's mission by administering and monitoring subdivisions, reviewing plans for technical compliance, writing and reviewing by-laws, regulations, policies, and grant proposals, conducting research and analysis to assist the Board and responding to requests for information from other departments and the public.

### Meetings

The Board meets every other Tuesday evening in the Town Hall Annex. During 2007 the Board held 26 regular meetings. The Board held 20 public hearings; 11 of the hearings were for definitive subdivisions or modifications thereof, two for special permits, two for Site Plan Review and five were for zoning by-laws or regulations and to institute additional fees.

### Membership

All members are elected to a five-year term. Chairman John Montano will serve until 2011; Clerk Phil Hudner until 2010; Gregory Franchetti until 2009; and Jim Whitin will serve until 2012. In 2007, Vice Chairman David Emilita was appointed to the Board to fill the position vacated by the resignation of Wayne Sunderland.

### Staff

Administrative Assistant Gale E. Nigrelli; Principal Clerk Bernadette Oliver.

By requiring that its engineering consultant be paid for by project applicants, the Planning Board saved the Town over \$112,609.19 during calendar year 2007.



## Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Beech Grove Cemetery

### Development Activity:

Table 1. Subdivision Plans Submitted, Endorsed, Approved In 2007

Type	Plans Submitted	Plans Approved/ Endorsed	Plans Withdrawn	Plans Denied	To be acted on in 2008	New Lots Building Created
ANR	24	20	3	0	1	16
ANR's submitted in 2006, acted on in 2007	1	1				1
Preliminary	2	1	0	0	1	
Definitive	6	5	0	0	1	17
Definitives submitted in 2006, acted on in 2007	5	5	0	0		23
Totals of plans submitted in 2007	38					
Total New Lots Created 2007	57					

### Site Plan Approvals

The Board addressed four Site Plan Approval applications, determining that two were of a minor nature and two would require public hearings. Three applications were approved and one will be acted on in 2008.

### Special Permits

The Board issued two special permit permits under the Inclusionary Housing By-Law: for Sarah Ann Ivy Estates and for Songbird Estates.

### Consultations

The Board also conducted ten consultations, including pre-application consults and others.

### Subdivision Monitoring

In 2007 there were approximately 74 subdivisions either under review or construction or unfinished and derelict. Currently Principal Clerk Bernadette Oliver administers receipts and payments for, and monitors approximately 101 escrow accounts for these projects, totaling over 1.1 million dollars. Board members and staff conduct site visits and monitor the progress for these projects.

## Highlights

### Zoning By-Laws:

1. After working with the Site Plan Review By-Law for one year, the Planning Board proposed an amendment to the Applicability section of this By-Law in order to clarify, which projects were subject to Site Plan Approval. This amendment was approved by Annual Town Meeting.
2. The Planning Board proposed an Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) By-Law, based on the Smart Growth model for conservation subdivisions. This type of development is an alternative to traditional subdivisions and allows for more flexible development that is responsive to the natural and cultural resources on and near the site. The By-Law also provides an incentive for innovative septic systems. This By-Law was approved by Annual Town Meeting.
3. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, Gale Nigrelli served on the Zoning Review Committee, which drafted amendments to the Adult Entertainment sections of the Zoning By-Laws. These amendments were not approved by Town Meeting.
4. Gale Nigrelli also worked with Building Inspector John McNally and interested citizens to craft a By-Law regulating and encouraging Wind Energy Facilities, which were previously not explicitly permitted or regulated by the Zoning By-Laws. The Planning Board recommended approval of this By-Law; and the Annual Town Meeting also approved it.

## Work With Other Boards And Commissions

- David Emilita served as the Planning Board's representative to the Community Preservation Committee and replaced Wayne Sunderland as its representative to the Stormwater Committee.
- Jim Whitin served as the Planning Board's representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) and replaced John Montano as its representative on the Water & Sewer Committee.
- Greg Franchetti served as the Planning Board's representative to the Dredging Committee and the TIF Committee.
- John Montano was designated as the Planning Board's representative to the Housing Partnership.
- Phil Hudner served as the Board's representative on the Agricultural Open Space Trust Fund Council and the Economic Development Task Force.
- Gale Nigrelli was the Board's representative to the Zoning Review Committee.
- Tim Gillespie was the Board's representative to the Estuary Committee and served as the Board's GIS Advisor.
- In addition to sending representatives to other Boards, the Board met jointly several times with Central Village Public Improvements Committee regarding various Central Village initiatives.

## Roads

The Board gave final releases to several subdivisions and individual roads: and made determinations and recommendations on a number of subdivision roads whose developers proposed that the Town accept the

roads as public ways at the Annual Town Meeting. Lighthouse Lane and Spinnaker Lane were accepted at the Annual Town Meeting.

### Master Plan Implementation

One of the major actions the Master Plan assigned to the Planning Board was passage of the Open Space Residential Development By-Law, as highlighted above. Another is updating the GIS parcel database. In 2007, Nigrelli and GIS Advisor Tim Gillespie worked with the Assessors' Office and Applied Geographics to digitize and update the digital parcel maps. During the process various errors in the original data from a previous contractor were discovered and corrected. The data is now under close review by the Assessors' Office to ensure that it is as accurate as possible before being served to departments and citizens via Applied Geographics Inc.'s web-based municipal map services.

Respectfully submitted,

John Montano, Chairman



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Keith A. Pelletier**  
Police Chief

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for 2007. At the present time, the Department is made up of 29 permanent Officers.

### **ORGANIZATION**

#### Chief Of Police

Keith A. Pelletier

#### Deputy Chief

John R. Gifford

#### Administrative Assistant

Nancy A. Braga

#### Lieutenant(s)

Paul E. Holden

John J. Bell (Acting)

#### Sergeants

Jeffrey F. Majewski  
Michael D. O'Connor  
Antonio J. Cestodio

Thomas R. Plourde  
Johnny P. Couto  
Daniel R. Sullivan

#### Regular Police Officers

Michael R. Roussel  
Mario D. DaCunha  
David B. Arruda

Gary M. Foley (Retired)  
Gary L. Cambra  
Michael D. Silvia

David Simcoe  
Scott W. Arrington  
Robert E. Thatcher

Marshall A. Ronco  
Francois A. Napert  
Christopher M. Mello

Todd C. Oliver  
Bryan C. McCarthy

Christopher A. Dunn  
David M. Leite

Kristen R. Barboza  
Barry F. Beaulieu

Ryan S. Nickelson

### E-911 Dispatchers – Full-Time

Jennifer J. Scott  
Conrad J. LaFontaine  
Tara E. Souza

### E-911 Dispatchers – Part-Time

Margaret Beaulieu  
Susan Maynard

### Reserve Police Officers

Ernest P. Belliveau  
Thomas Gallant  
Kristine M. Carreiro  
Edmond Correia  
Dore  
Reginald Deschenes  
Fernando Goncalves

Eric Gagnon  
Tara E. Souza  
Stephen D. Kovar Jr.  
Joseph Pineau  
Conrad J. LaFontaine  
Matthew Stains

Keith J. Novo  
Eric J. Vanasse  
Michael S. Perry  
Mark C. Rosinha  
Richard J. Rodrigues  
Elizabeth Medeiros

Brian D. Souza  
William Travers  
James Roberts  
Maurice E.  
Robert Reed  
Michael Kelly

At the present time, the Department is made up of 29 permanent officers still down 5 from a high 34 in 2000. We answered 19,573 calls for service and we drove 391,668 miles patrolling your streets.

I am pleased to report that the “fleet maintenance program” that was approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance committee is working. We have spread out the 391,668 miles that we patrolled your streets amongst some of the older vehicles in the fleet reducing the wear and tear on the newer vehicles. The highlights of the program are; instead of a new cruiser being driven 24 hours a day and seven days a week with no reprieve, we have assigned a vehicle to no more than two officers at a time. This continuity has led to fewer repairs, earlier detection of possible problems and an increased life span of patrol vehicles by decreasing the annual mileage. The down side is that some people may drive by the back of the station and see more than the usual number of cruisers parked. Of those cruisers, two are set-aside for officers to use for traffic safety on details, which the company requesting a detail pays a \$50.00 detail fee to use. That fee generated \$9,550 of increased revenue to the Town. The bulk of that money was used to offset the ever-increasing price of gasoline. I am happy to report that even though gasoline prices went through the roof we did not ask for a supplemental appropriation from outside the budget to cover it. Two of the 4X4 vehicles are set aside for major storms or to access areas needing 4X4 E.Q such as the beach or wooded areas. We have also entered into a no charge pilot program with SOMS Technologies. They make a spin on micro-filter engine oil filter that claims to virtually eliminate the need to change your oil. I will report back next year as to how it performed. It should be noted that we have tried to auction off the older cruisers but after receiving only \$50.00 a piece at the Town Auction, I feel strongly that we have implemented a better approach.

### Building Repairs

For FY07 approximately \$200,000 was set aside to do some much-needed renovations to the interior of the police station. Unfortunately, after the project went out to bid the figures came back at over twice that and the project had to be abandoned. We are in process of using the funds we do have to correct the items on the top of the priority list such as the failing boiler, leaking plumbing and roof, electrical issues and egress.

We continue to work with and receive support from our neighboring communities and in addition to being a member S.E.M.L.E.C. (Southeastern Mass Law Enforcement Council), we signed mutual aid agreements with the Town of Tiverton R.I. and the City of Fall River.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Administrator and all Town Hall Employees, Fire Department, Highway Department, Building Department, School Department and

the Board of Health because, they are each equally important participants in making the Community Policing Philosophy become a reality and improve the quality of life of the citizens of Westport.

### For a Third Year, Chief Pelletier Announces the Holiday Kick off of “The Whistle Defense Program - It’s Not a Toy”

Through the use of a “Community Policing Grant” the Westport Police Department has purchased 2,000 brass whistles as part of our “Whistle Defense Program”. This community program is a signal system that enables you to assist police in preventing and even deterring crime. Each whistle is made out of brass to last a lifetime and comes complete with instructions for use and safety advice.

- If you are attacked or confronted in any way that makes you feel uncomfortable on the street, blow the whistle, create distance and call the police as soon as possible.
- If you fear trouble on the street, blow the whistle, keep a safe distance, and call the police.
- If you see trouble on the street, blow the whistle, keep a safe distance, and call the police.
- If you see trouble from your home, call the police, state address and nature of trouble, open window and blow whistle.

Under no circumstances should this whistle take the place of a trained police officer or offer you a false sense of security. This whistle’s sole purpose is to startle your attacker into believing you are not worth the risk. You could easily get hurt if you believe otherwise. Police Officers are highly trained individuals capable of handling such situations. You can do your part of helping them by steering clear of danger.

Inform kids about your whistle and its proper usage. A whistle to your kids could be considered a toy. By allowing your child to treat the whistle as a toy you ultimately are diminishing its’ effectiveness in the event of an emergency. The goal of this program is to cut down on crime while reducing the fear of being a victim.

My personal goal as Chief of Police is to ensure that everyone who feels vulnerable to crime can feel safer carrying an alert whistle especially around the holidays. Many of the people who have been given a whistle have reported back to me that they carry it on their key chain and hold it in their hand ready to use whenever they are walking to and from their car in a mall parking lot or a dark street. There is no doubt in my mind that any predator would think twice about attacking someone who summons the piercing sound of the alert whistle. You can get your whistle by stopping by the Westport Police Department.

### Ice Medic Alert Program

Thanks to the generosity of the Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund the Westport Police Department is proud to announce the launch of the ICE Medic Alert Program.

Fast Facts - ICE, an acronym for “In Case of Emergency”, is entered into a mobile phone user’s address/contact book as the “In Case of Emergency” contact. Originally established as a nation-wide campaign in the UK, ICE allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative/next-of-kin in an emergency situation.

A person designated as the ICE contact should be informed that they are a contact and be informed of all relevant information for treatment such as allergies to medicine. More than 200 million mobile phones are in use today in the United States. Many people leave the home without identification, but nearly everyone, including teenagers, carries a mobile phone with them.

The ICE Sticker was developed to serve as a visual alert that a person has an “ICE” contact available and has established a communication protocol. The ICE sticker is a red vinyl sticker 1” in diameter with the letters ICE in bold. The words “Contact Available” and “In Case of Emergency” are also displayed. Red, being the universally accepted color for emergency and distress is high impact and will draw attention. The 4mil thick vinyl stickers are designed to withstand the high use characteristics of the mobile phone. The sticker adheres

to the back of the phone (most commonly on the battery pack) and serves as a visual alert that the individual has established an “in case of emergency” contact listed inside the phone.

Steps to ICE Your phone:

- Open up your address book in your cell phone
- Create a new contact
- Contact name should be ICE
- Enter in Contact’s phone number
- Affix the ICE Sticker to your phone.

The stickers are available at the Main Road Police Station and at the North End Fire Station on Briggs Road.

### Explorer Post #305 - by Deputy Chief John R. Gifford, Post Advisor

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 15 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Law Enforcement Explorer Posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Post participants this year have included Nathan A. Dufault, Nicholas Frustaci, Jared C. Gaglio, Darren M. Kiff, Brandon R. Leonardo, Faye M. Mooney, Matthew M. Oliver, Brian S. Parent, James B. Roberts Jr. and Ryan D. Snell. We are constantly and continuously trying to recruit new members.

Training has been a large part of Post meetings again this year, as our members work towards attaining a number of proficiency awards. We also participated in Safety Day at the Bicentennial Playground and the Duck Derby held at the Allen’s Pond Bird Sanctuary. We also delivered services at D.A.R.E. graduation, a CHIP event in Dartmouth, the “Click It or Ticket” campaign in Westport, Mock Disaster training in Providence, and Patrol Procedures training offered to the Reserve Officers of Westport.

Our continuous fundraiser continues to be the manufacturing and delivery of the reflective address markers you see around Town. They truly help others in finding your home in a swift and efficient manner. We will continue to provide this valuable service to the Town of Westport in 2008.

Post members during this calendar year earned the following awards:

Explorer of the Year	James B. Roberts Jr.
Eagle Scout Recognition	James B. Roberts Brian S. Parent
Tenure	Jared C. Gaglio Faye M. Mooney James B. Roberts, Jr.
NRA Pro-Marksman	James B. Roberts Jr. Nicholas Frustaci
NRA Marksman	Nathan A. Dufault Jared C. Gaglio Darren M. Kiff Faye M. Mooney

James B. Roberts Jr. currently holds the rank of Sergeant/President with the Post. Jared C. Gaglio is the Vice President, Nicholas Frustaci was elected Treasurer, and Faye Mooney Secretary.

## Detective Division Report - by Lieutenant Paul E. Holden

The Detective Division has been working with a reduced staff as of late. We have had no shortage of work, but continue to maintain coverage in court and work closely with the Patrol Division, other departments and other agencies.

In February, we received information regarding an individual from Fall River that was renting an apartment in our community. Our investigation proved the individual was renting the apartment and using it as a stash house for marijuana and steroids. The apartment was searched with members of the Patrol Division and the Fall River Police Vice Unit. Approximately nine pounds of marijuana and assorted steroids were seized. The defendant was eventually found guilty of possession with intent to distribute.

In late June we investigated 13 fires that appeared to be arson. The fires involved vehicles, dumpsters, debris, and two buildings all located within Fall River and Westport. A joint investigation was conducted with Westport Fire Department Arson Investigator William Baraby, Fall River Fire Department's Arson Investigators, Fall River Police Department's Major Crime's Unit, Massachusetts State Police assigned to the State's Fire Marshall's Office, and The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. After approximately a 5-month investigation, two suspects were found to have been responsible for these fires. Both lived in Fall River but had ties to the Town of Westport where the two building fires occurred. The investigation also recovered a stolen shotgun from the Town of Sutton, Massachusetts. Eight felony arrest warrants and four misdemeanor warrants were cleared and two other larceny cases were solved involving another subject.

Throughout the year, the patrol officers have assisted us in obtaining information, conducting stake-outs, assisting in arrests, and conducting investigations. In one instance in October, two suspects were apprehended at approximately 2:30 AM after a business was staked out from adjacent woods with patrol officers and a detective. The business had reported a number of larcenies from its property resulting in a loss of approximately three thousand dollars. The investigation revealed the larcenies were being done at night. One night resulted in the arrest of two suspects and the recovery of approximately four hundred dollars in property. Both parties were apprehended by patrol officers, one after a long foot chase through the woods. One of these parties was later arrested in December by our division with regard to a Larceny Over from a Disabled Person. In another situation in April, patrol officers and the Detective Division responded to an area in the north end of town for a suspicious male attempting to break into a home. After canvassing the area, a suspect was located walking with assorted items including jewelry on its person. The party was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property. After approximately a week of conducting an investigating by the patrol unit and detectives, and a canvassing the neighborhood by the Westport Police Department Explorers the owners of the stolen property were located. The suspect was then charged with a break into their home and a larceny over with all their items recovered. In July, the same suspect was arrested again by patrol officers and detectives when they responded to a break in process in the south end of town. The suspect was caught breaking into a home with a female home owner inside the residence. These are just two of the situations this year that patrol and the detectives have worked together which resulted in arrests or a case being solved.

During the year, the Detective Division continued our regular duties consisting of: registering sex offenders, filling in when patrol was short, court work, evidence, and investigating arson, breaks, larcenies, abuse, indecent assaults, robbery, reported rapes, narcotic cases, identity fraud, and providing follow up information for other departments and agencies.

I have to mention, without the help, information, and support of the Patrol Division there would be no Detective Division. The same can be said about our residents and the general public that we work with day in and day out. Without pertinent information regarding our neighborhoods and who is committing what crime or dealing what drug a police department can only be reactive after a crime has been committed. A police department or any law enforcement agency runs on information obtain from the citizens they serve. Don't put off reporting something suspicious in nature or any activity that is criminal in nature. We are only a phone call away from providing service.

## Training - by Sergeant Thomas R. Plourde

Vesta Enhanced 911 Training (16 hours)

Chief Keith A. Pelletier  
Deputy Chief John Gifford

	Admin. Assistant Nancy Braga Dispatcher Jennifer Scott Dispatcher Conrad LaFontaine Dispatcher Tara Souza Officer Barry Beaulieu Officer David Simcoe Officer Michael Silva Field Training Officer Gary Cambra Detective David Leite PT Dispatcher Mark Rosinha PT Dispatcher Margaret Beaulieu PT Dispatcher Susan Maynard Reserve Officer Kristine Carreiro
Fingerprint Techniques (8 hours)	Detective David Leite
Field Training Officer School (40 hours)	Field Training Officer Gary Cambra
Use Of Force Update (8 hours)	Lieutenant Paul Holden Sergeant John Couto
Child Passenger Safety Recertification (8 hours)	SRO Michael Roussel Officer David Simcoe Officer Bryan McCarthy
Motor Vehicle Stops and The Drug Trafficker (24 hours)	Officer Ryan Nickelson Detective David Leite
Homicide Investigations	Lieutenant Paul Holden Lieutenant John Bell
Basic Sergeant School (80 hours)	Sergeant Daniel Sullivan
Manage Problem Students & Confront Parents (8 hours)	Officer Francois Napert
School Resource Officer Specialized Training (16 hours)	Chief Keith A. Pelletier Sergeant Jeffrey Majewski Sergeant Antonio Cestodio
In-Service 2007 (40 hours)	All Full-Time Officers

### “Are You Ok” aka “RUOK” - by Administrative Assistant Nancy A. Braga

The Westport Police Department, in partnership with the Westport Council on Aging, established a program approximately seven years ago, which places telephone calls to elderly citizens at a predetermined time to check on their well-being. Initially the program utilized a computer system and software to make automated calls to subscribers; however, those calls are now placed by the 911 dispatcher on duty. While being an added responsibility for the dispatcher during their shift, we have found that the “personal” contact with each subscriber is worth the extra effort. During the short daily conversation, the client’s physical and mental demeanor can be determined by the dispatcher and if there appears to be an issue, appropriate action can be taken. If a call goes unanswered, the dispatcher sends a Police Officer or other emergency personnel to check on the individual’s well-being. If necessary, next of kin, keyholders, etc. may be contacted from emergency information on file.

This successful program, which is provided as a public service and for no compensation, allows a check on the elderly and contact with a human while they can still live independently in their own home. Parties who maybe interested in subscribing to the “Are You Okay?” Program should contact the Westport Council on



Aging.

### School Resource Officer - High School - by Officer Michael R. Roussel

My assignment as the School Resource Officer continued for the school year 2007 - 2008. This assignment has allowed me to continue to organize and educate people in the various community awareness programs I was trained in. My personal reward from one of the classes I present is children restrained in child safety seats and this has expanded to seat belt awareness for the High School students. The programs show a bond that continues between the School Department, Police Department, and the Community. The common goal we have is to continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children to live and learn. This Officer continues training in all related programs for school children, Teachers and SRO's.

Some of the events I was involved in were as follows: School Bus Safety, traffic enforcement in school zones, seat belt awareness, domestic violence, sexual assaults, bullying program, civil rights, and several awareness programs in the classrooms at the High School, Elementary, Middle and Macomber Schools.

I am pleased to see the School Resource Officer program has provided the students with a different view of Police Officers and continue to assist students with problems in and out of the school environment. I have closed many gaps some students had toward Police Officers. The mutual respect has continued to grow every school year. I am pleased with the students who return after graduation to thank me for all the help I provided them.

Since September 2007 to December 2007, I have had numerous complaints filed with me requiring an investigation broken down they are as follows: 10 applications for complaints, 1 arrests, 8 drug and/or alcohol investigations, 12 residency investigations, 4 residency re-investigations, 2 community investigations, 0 truancy investigations, 5 assault investigations, 3 assault & battery investigations, 2 larceny investigations, 1 school bus incident, 2 threats and 0 harassment investigations, 1 runaway investigations, 3 protective orders, 3 sexual assaults, 6 disturbing school assembly, 6 disorderly person, 2 trespassing, 0 civil rights violation, 5 medical emergencies, 1 domestic violence investigations, 10 court cases, and 5 crisis meetings. Also, during the school year, I have made 5 classroom presentations, counseled 31 students for various reasons and attended numerous meetings and functions with students and staff. I have sponsored and cosponsored 2 Child Passenger Safety Checkpoints in the area. I have also installed 56 child passenger seats in the Town of Westport.

### D.A.R.E. Program - by Officer Gary M. Foley

The Westport Police D.A.R.E. division is once again striving to teach youths to refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and to avoid violence. I have instructed all 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes with the core curriculum.

Due to overwhelming support of school officials and parents, the program has enjoyed great success. The Westport Police D.A.R.E. program will continue to strive to build positive community bonds with the students that last for not only the school year, but for a lifetime. Deputy Chief John Gifford has completed the prerequisite D.A.R.E. Instructor Curriculum and will be instructing at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level in 2008

### K-9 - Ben (Bloodhound) - by Officer Kristen R. Barboza

During the past year Ben (a four year old search and rescue bloodhound) and I were once again very busy. On several occasions we assisted members of the Westport Police Department in locating suspects involved in breaking and entering into motor vehicles. We also searched for suspects from domestic assault situations in which they had fled the scene. One of these suspects had used a knife in the act and was still in possession of it at the time of the search.

Ben and I assisted the Dartmouth Police Department in a purse snatching that occurred in their town after the suspect had fled into Westport. We also assisted Dartmouth with a breaking and entering into a motor vehicle as well as with a missing male as part of a multi-department search. Ben and I were called to assist the Fairhaven Police Department in locating a male that walked away from a residence. We were able to track

the male to the ocean's shore where divers later located the drowned victim. We were also called to assist Tiverton, R.I. with the search of a male that had entered into a residence and assaulted a female occupant.

During the year Ben and I also performed several K-9 demonstrations. During these demonstrations we attempt to educate both children and adults on what to do if they become lost. We have also found that continued training is important to this program's success.

### Firearms Licensing - by Lieutenant John J. Bell

The following is a report from the firearms licensing officer for 2007:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Number of Licenses</u>
Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	402
Law Enforcement Officer (\$25) – Resident Class A Large Capacity License to Carry Firearms	6
Renewal License for Law Enforcement Officer Employed by Agency (No Fee) – Resident Class A Large Capacity LTC	18
Over 70 Years of Age, Renewal of FID, LTC or Machine Gun License (No Fee) – Resident Class A Large Capacity LTC	11
Resident License to Possess a Machine Gun	1
Firearms Identification Card	11
Over 70 Years of Age, Renewal of FID, LTC, or Machine Gun License (No Fee) – Firearms Identification Card	2
FID Restricted New (\$25), Firearms Identification Card Restricted Chemical Propellant Only	4
FID Restricted Renewal (No Fee), Firearms Identification Card Restricted Chemical Propellant Only	6
License to Sell/Rent/Lease Firearms, Rifles, Shotguns or Machine Guns	3
License to Sell Ammunition	3
License to Perform Services as a Gunsmith	3
Total	512

Total Monies Collected:	
Commonwealth General Fund	\$31,850.00
Town of Westport	<u>\$10,700.00</u>
Total	\$42,550.00

### Firearms Bureau - by Sergeant Johnny P. Couto

The Westport Police Department Firearms Division maintains Lt. Paul E. Holden and Sgt. John P. Couto as its Firearm and Use of Force Instructors. With the assistance of Retired Lt. Stephen D. Kovar, the three continue to instruct officers from the Dartmouth, Freetown, and Westport Police Departments. Regular firearms training included instruction on Less-than-Lethal Munitions, also known as the "Bean-bag Gun" which has now become part of the Department's Use of Force continuum.

On the civilian side of firearms training, the Firearms Safety Class continues to be immensely popular with both Town residents and non-residents. The eight-hour class is held near monthly at the Police Department's downstairs training room. The class, which is held on Saturdays, is a prerequisite to obtaining a license to carry firearms in Massachusetts. This year alone, over 125 students attended and passed the class which includes instruction of firearms parts, actions, safekeeping, and two tests, one written and one where attendee's must perform a hands on test on real handguns. The class is a bargain at \$45.00 and is open to all that are interested. For more information or the date of the next class, call the station main number.



### Fees, Fines & Reimbursements Received - by Administrative Assistant Nancy A. Braga

The following fees, fines and reimbursements were received by the Westport Police Department and turned over to the Town Treasurer, George Foster, during the year 2007.

For Court Default/Subpoena/Witness Fees	\$ 974.00
For Firearms Licenses/Permits Issued	41,850.00
For Firearms Safety Class Fee	4,365.00
For Photostatic Copies of Police Reports	1,342.00
For Administrative Service Charges (Off-Duty Details)	17,580.71
For Police Cruiser Fees (Off-Duty Details)	9,550.00
For Fines and Restitution (Fall River District Court)	5,347.50
For Motor Vehicle Citations (Registry of Motor Vehicles)	70,860.00
For Parking Violations	21,410.70
For Police Career Incentive Program (Quinn Bill-C.41, S.108L)	91,982.11
For Federal Drug Forfeiture Account	693.00
For Police Department Gift Account	1,425.00
For Police Explorer Gift Account	1,185.00
For Reimbursements to Budget Line Items	611.19
For Vehicle Insurance Account	4,995.06
<b>Total Monies</b>	<b>\$ 274,171.27</b>

<u>Year End Cruiser Mileage Report 2007</u>							
UNIT	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STATUS	START	END	TOTAL TRAVELED
1	2004	Ford	Explorer	Unmarked	26,392	31,850	5,458
2	1997	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	25,911	32,567	6,656
4	1998	Ford	Explorer	Marked	135,032	137,273	2,241
5	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	102,374	113,648	11,274
7	2004	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	121,527	131,000	9,473
8	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	124,365	138,132	13,767
9	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	128,717	135,960	7,243
10	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	121,940	137,325	15,385
11	2003	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	119,535	126,120	6,585
12	2001	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	126,232	129,127	2,905
19	1999	Chevy	Tahoe	Marked	120,841	124,273	3,432
45	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	56,595	78,253	21,658
65	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	66,240	84,967	18,727
185	2005	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	66,996	78,575	11,579
146	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	50,403	83,855	33,452
156	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	45,781	78,333	32,552

176	2006	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	47,117	77,302	30,185
190	2000	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	158,079	176,131	18,052
217	2007	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	20	32,944	32,924
227	2007	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	20	41,074	41,054
237	2007	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	20	13,604	13,584
247	2007	Ford	Crown Vic	Marked	20	17,744	13,724
SRO 15	1999	Ford	Taurus	Marked	69,714	73,782	4,068
398	1998	Chevy	Suburban	Marked	144,683	146,143	1,460
K9-1	1997	Ford	Explorer	Marked	159,373	159,939	566
MC 1	2000	Harley	Motorcycle	Marked	14,983	15,109	126
Det. 2	2000	Ford	Windstar	Unmarked	65,720	81,325	15,605
Det. 3	20030	Ford	Crown Vic	Unmarked	58,276	74,278	16,002
214	2004	Kubota	RTV900W	Marked	72 Hrs.	78.1 Hrs.	6.1 Hrs.
						Total:	391,668

### 2007 Offenses

Assault & Battery with a Dangerous Weapon	22
Annoying Telephone Calls	7
Arrest on a Warrant	31
Arson	11
Assault	8
Assault & Battery on a Police Officer	2
Assault & Battery	23
Assault to Murder	0
Breaking & Entering a Motor Vehicle	9
Break & Entering	112
Credit Card Fraud	9
Criminal Harassment	5
Disorderly Conduct	9
Disturbing a School Assembly	5
Disturbing the Peace	7
Domestic Assault & Battery	33
Embezzlement	3
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	4
Forgery	6
Home Invasion	1
Identity Theft	11
Indecent Assault & Battery	1
Interfere with a Firefighter	1
Intimidating a Witness	10
Kidnapping	2
Larceny	202
Liquor Law – Open Container	5
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	0
Motor Vehicle Homicide	1
Motor Vehicle Offenses	473
Motor Vehicle Theft	22
Operating Under the Influence	34
Possession of a Hypodermic Needle	0
Possession of Alcohol Under 21	3
Possession of Class A Substance	0
Possession of Class B Substance	5
Possession of Class C Substance	0

Possession of Class D Substance	48
Possession of Class E Substance	5
Other Drug Offenses	6
Possession of a Dangerous Weapon	5
Rape	0
Receiving Stolen Property	14
Resisting Arrest	10
Robbery	1
Shoplifting	0
Threats to Commit a Crime	13
Trespassing	1
Utter False Instrument	7
Vandalism	180
Violation of 209A	12
Weapons Law Violation	6
All Other Offenses	14
Total of Offenses Committed	1479
 Total Felonies	 628
Total Crime Related Incidents	578
Total Non Crime Related Incidents	330
 Total Arrests (on view)	 206
Total Arrests (based on Incident/Warrant)	91
Total Summons Arrests	1
Total P/C	5
Total Juvenile Arrests	19
Total Arrests	298
 Total Hearings	 35
Total Summons	191
Total Restraint Orders	76
Total Open Warrants for 2007	28
Total Outstanding WMS Warrants	526

#### 2007 Motor Vehicle Citations

	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Warning</u>	<u>Arrest</u>	<u>Criminal</u>
Allow Improper Person to Operate	11			
Breakdown Lane Violation	18	20	2	
Child Passenger Safety Seat Violation	4	1		
Drinking Alcohol From an Open Container	1		3	1
Drug Violation			10	
Equipment Violation	50	96	11	12
Failure to Obey Police Officer			4	2
Failure to Notify Change of Address	6			1
Failure to Pull to the Right for Emergency Vehicles	7	3		
Failure to Wear a Motorcycle Helmet	1		1	
Failure to Yield	7	11		
Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign/Red Light	101	197	3	9
Failure to Wear Seatbelt	85	9	6	6
Giving False Name to Police			3	1
Handicap Placard Violation	2	3		
Junior Operator License Violation	2			
Leaving a Motor Vehicle with Personal Injury			1	
License/Registration Not in Possession	63	15	1	5

Making an Improper Turn	16	14	2	3
Marked Lanes	79	59	25	91
Noise Violation	44	14	1	2
No Valid Inspection Sticker	375	140	6	15
Number Plate Violation	50	75	4	5
Operating with Obstructed View		1		
Operating as to Endanger			32	24
Operating Under the Influence			33	
Operating With a Suspended/Revoked License	4		45	65
Overweight	1			
Passing Violation	4			
Recreation Vehicle Violation	1			
RedLight/Blue Light Violation	1			
Speeding	443	541	16	16
Tire Tread Violation	3			1
Uninsured Motor Vehicle			3	28
Unlicensed Operation	3		9	35
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	44	9	2	20
Unsecured Load	3			
Violation DPW Rules And Regulations.	7	14		2
Window Obstruction – Non-Transparent	75	42		1
Totals	1514	1264	223	263

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A. Pelletier  
Chief of Police

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The following is my report for the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	6
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	1
1,000 to 5,000 lbs.	0
100 to 1,000 lbs.	25
10 to 100 lbs.	30
0 to 10 lbs.	6
Gas and Diesel Pumps Sealed	118
Apothecary Scales	1
Jeweler Scales	0
Vendor Redemption Machines	6
Citation Fines	0
Adjusted	9
Not Sealed	18

Total Fees Paid To Town Treasurer.....\$ 2,210.00

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Thibault  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF WESTPORT  
DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Be it known to all concerned that in accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 98, Section 41, Public Notice is hereby given to all persons having usual places of business and using a weighing and/or measuring devices (for the purpose of buying and selling goods, wares of merchandise) that between January 1 and December 31, 2007 such devices must be checked and sealed at least once. Such inspection and sealing is controlled by the Board of Selectmen and done at the expense of the person owning or using the weighing or measuring device.

Dennis K. Thibault  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT**

The following is the Shellfish Department's annual report for the year ending December 2007.

The community was saddened to lose former Shellfish Constable and friend Ab Palmer this past Spring. Ab was respected not only here in Westport as a great advocate for our shellfish resources, but throughout the State with many of his peers in the shellfish world. Any time I would see the Chief Biologist of DMF, Mike Hickey, he would always ask about Ab. If I needed advice about a project or had a question about a particular in the river, I could always ask Ab and he would explain how or why things worked in Westport. Ab Palmer was more than a colleague, more than a friend; he was a great person and is missed. It is fitting that the Town has named the office after Ab for his twenty-one years of dedication to the river and its resources.

There were many projects this past year through the Shellfish Department. We restocked several areas in the river with seed shellfish through department purchases and our Town's Hatchery efforts. There were also shellfish relays and donated shellfish from several entities. To be more specific, 260,000 quahog seed 14 / 18 ml size and 111,000 18 / 22 ml size were purchased through a grant from Representative Michael Rodrigues office. We are in the last year of the \$67,000 grant. Also 88,000 14 / 18 ml size quahogs were donated by the Southeastern Shellfish Association (S.S.A.) to the department. We accepted 50,000 12 / 14 ml size quahogs from a program through B.C.C's aquaculture program and planted them in the river. There also were 20,000 seed from Durfee High School shellfish program that we planted. In addition to these purchases and donations of quahogs, the Town Hatchery had a spawn of 6.5 million seed. Working with intern student Johnah Fay from Roger Williams College, we were able to plant 400,000 5 / 10 ml size seed. Using Department funds and Shellfish Gift Fund money the Department purchased 1,000 bushel of quahogs in relay stocks. They were planted in three locations in the East Branch of the river. The S.S.A. donated 150,000 scallop seed to us that were planted in the river. They have some in lantern nets trying to over winter them and they will try to spawn them next Spring. We also received two fish boxes of scallops from Martha's Vineyard and placed them in floating cages in three areas of the river. The intent is to have a concentrated population that is able to spawn if nature says too.

2007 was the tenth year of the Shellfish Clamboil fundraiser at LePage's Seafood Restaurant. Everyone had a great time and we raised \$6,000 for the seeding program. This year's will be on Monday March 31, 2008 at the same location. Hope to see you there for this great cause. The Shellfish Department is grateful to Lees Market for their generosity in the Lees receipt program. We collect your receipts and Lees donates 1% to our Shellfish Gift Fund for the purchase of shellfish for the river. So you can send or bring your receipts to the Town Hall c/o Shellfish Department and we will turn them into clams.

As Shellfish Constable I am currently on the Estuary Committee, the Dredging Committee and the Oil Spill Coordinator for the Town. Much work has been accomplished with more to follow for the betterment of the resource. I am still the President of the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association and we are working on having the school for Shellfish Officers again in 2009. Representative Rodrigues was able to get members of his Committee to once again enjoy a tour of the river and see some of our resources here in Westport. Everyone had a great day on and around the water.

The Department was able to purchase a new outboard and a new pickup truck this year through Town Meeting. The old truck was given to the beach lifeguards and should have several more years in it working on the beaches for the Town. I would like to thank the Fire, Police and Highway Departments for assistance they provided to the Department when called upon. I would also like to thank the Shellfish Deputies, Shellfish Advisory Committee and the volunteers who assisted during the year. Thank you all.

When thinking about shellfishing always remember to call the Shellfish Hotline at 508-636-1104, to get the latest updates on which areas of the river are open for you to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Shellfish Constable

## LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

The following is the Shellfish Departments Catch Report and statistics of revenue.

### LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

TYPE	NUMBER ISSUED	FEE	COLLECTED
Commercial Scallop	0	\$	0.00
Commercial Shellfish	64		6,400.00
Student Commercial	2		60.00
Duplicate Shellfish	5		25.00
Family Scallop	5		125.00
Family Shellfish	515		12,825.00
Non-resident Shellfish	52		5,200.00
Non-Resident Scallop	0		0.00
14 Day Shellfish Permit	10		500.00
Senior Citizen Shellfish	157		1,570.00



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<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Citizen Scallop	2	20.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Dredging	0	0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL	810	\$ 26,725.00
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## ESTIMATED COMMERCIAL SHELLFISH CATCH

SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
Oysters	597	\$ 45,969.00
Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	6	240.00
Quahogs (Chowders)	383	7,181.25
(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	763	57,562.50
Scallops	0	0.00
Soft-Shell Clams	7	875.00
Surf Clams	700	12,000.00
Other (Conch-Winkles-Deckers)	3	500.00
SUBTOTAL	2466	\$125,254.75

## ESTIMATED RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH CATCH

	SPECIES	HARVEST IN BUSHELS	VALUE
	Oysters	24	\$ 6,300.00
	Mussels (Blue & Ribbed)	6	1,155.00
	Quahogs (Chowder)	37	8,154.00
	(Little Necks & Cherrystones)	74	24,889.50
	Scallops	7	1,008.00

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Soft-Shelled Clams	14	3,500.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Surf Clams	10	250.00
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	Other (Conch-Winkle-Capitula)	3	500.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	SUBTOTAL	138	\$ 45,756.50
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Shellfish Violations Written		\$ 0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Shellfish Gift Account Donations		\$ 11,579.15
	Shellfish Equipment Account Donations		1,766.25
	Grant Projects And Lease Site		\$ 22,963.66
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<input type="checkbox"/>	GRAND TOTAL		\$ 234,045.31
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Remember to always use the Shellfish Hotline (508-636-1104), it is there to help you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Shellfish Constable

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)

The Town of Westport is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. SRPEDD (pronounced sir-ped) is the regional agency serving twenty-seven cities and Towns in southeastern Massachusetts dealing with common issues facing our region, such as economic development, growth and land development, transportation, environment and general planning for the future. SRPEDD is governed by a Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members and at large members. We are funded by federal and state grants and local assessments. For 2007, the Town of Westport paid \$2,290.98 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 16.15 cents per capita.

Local citizens serving at SRPEDD included the following:

- SRPEDD Commission: Steven J. Ouellette and James Whitin
- Joint Transportation Planning Group: Harold J. Sisson and Gary E. Mauk
- Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force: Steven J. Ouellette

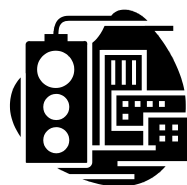
Some of SRPEDD's more significant accomplishments during 2007 were:

- Completion and approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which sets regional priorities for federal transportation funds, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The TIP established priorities for federal and state regional targeted for highway projects, and transit funds for GATRA over the next 3 years.
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Southeastern Massachusetts, a regional economic development strategy, was completed and certified by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, making the region eligible for federal economic development grants from EDA.
- The Taunton River Wild and Scenic initiative continued in 2007 with an effort to get the U.S. Congress to designate the Taunton River as a Wild & Scenic resource. SRPEDD is also a partner with 9 other organizations in the Taunton River campaign.
- SRPEDD publishes the 100 Most Dangerous Intersections in Southeastern Massachusetts for the period 2001-2004. The list included the following intersection:
  - State Rd. (Rte 6) and Sanford Rd.
- SRPEDD's web site contains data and information about every city and Town in the region, and can be reached at <http://www.srpedd.org>. The web site was expanded again this year and now includes an inventory for more than 300 signalized intersections in the region.
- The Southeastern Massachusetts Commuter Rail Task Force met through 2007. The Task Force, which includes representation from 18 municipalities and 18 regional organizations, is examining the growth impact of the proposed rail service extension to Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford.
- SRPEDD is the designated fiduciary agent by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety for the Southeast Regional Advisory Council for Homeland Security serving 96 communities in 6 counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The Council has awarded \$11.6 million in federal homeland security funds since 2004.
- SRPEDD conducts a district-wide traffic counting program (including speed surveys and vehicle classification, and intersection turning movement counts) and maintains a computer file of all available traffic count data throughout the region. SRPEDD undertook 100 counts at various locations this past year.
- An extensive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping program is maintained by SRPEDD. Every year new computerized "data layers" are added to the system. SRPEDD also operates the Southeastern Massachusetts Data Center, providing information to businesses, cities and towns, and individuals.
- SRPEDD continues to provide planning and support to the two regional transit authorities, SRTA and GATRA, on various efforts including: consumer advisory committees, route evaluations, planning, monitoring services and federal reporting.
- SRPEDD maintains a comprehensive database of all 305 signalized intersections in the region. This includes geometry, traffic volume, crash rate, signal timing and operational characteristics.
- SRPEDD continued its affiliation with the South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation, which makes loans to small businesses for expansion. SEED is one of the Small Business Administration top lenders in New England.

In addition, municipal assistance was provided to Westport in the following areas:

- Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping
- Nitrogen Loading Bylaw
- Low Impact Development (LID) Presentation

SRPEDD was created to serve the cities and towns of southeastern Massachusetts. We are governed by elected and appointed officials from all the cities and towns. We look forward to serving you in the future



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Carol A. Borden, Tax Collector  
 Susan A. Maynard, Assistant Tax Collector  
 Lucy Tabit, Principal Clerk  
 Debra M. Moore, Seasonal Clerk

Outstanding balances as of June 30, 2007:

Fiscal 2007 Real Estate	Committed	17,173,600.67
	Receipts	16,625,121.78
	Abatements & Exemptions	189,567.22
	Refunds	48,861.96
	Adjustment	5,156.00
	Subsequent Taxes	<u>1,901.88</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	400,715.75

Fiscal 2006 Real Estate:	June 30, 2006 Balance	341,422.28
	Supplemental Taxes	15,126.81
	Receipts	335,464.33
	Abatements & Exemptions	12,707.12
	Refunds	13,008.30
	Tax Title	<u>20,668.43</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	717.51

Fiscal 2005 Real Estate:	June 30, 2006 Balance	4,937.46
	Receipts	3,459.38
	Taxes in Litigation	<u>1,465.62</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	12.46

Eighteen parcels were advertised for non-payment of Fiscal 2006 Real Estate taxes. Eleven were paid in full and seven were turned over to the Treasurer to be set up as Tax Title Accounts.

Voters of Westport adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) at the town election on April 5, 2001, effective Fiscal Year 2003. The CPA levies a 2% surcharge on real estate tax bills for the three-fold purpose of historic preservation, affordable housing, and open space preservation. Under the CPA, the town also receives matched funds from the state for the same purpose.

Fiscal 2007 CPA	Committed	343,476.01
	Receipts	32,539.39
	Abatements & Exemptions	3,791.38
	Refunds	596.83
	Adjustment	<u>103.14</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	7,638.93

Fiscal 2006 CPA	June 30, 2006 Balance	6,388.28
	Supplemental Taxes	304.58
	Receipts	6,461.06
	Abatements & Exemptions	254.40
	Refunds	260.04
	Tax Title	<u>391.10</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-153.66

Fiscal 2005 CPA	June 30, 2006 Balance	84.14
	Receipts	67.29
	Taxes in Litigation	<u>29.31</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-12.46

A journal entry was needed to correct payments between Tax and CPA for Fiscal 2005 taxes.

Litigated Taxes	June 30, 2006 Balance	287.40
	Add'l	1,465.62
	Receipts	<u>530.78</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,222.24

Litigated CPA	June 30, 2006 Balance	.38
	Add'l	29.31
	Receipts	<u>29.69</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-0-

Fiscal 2007 Personal Property	Committed	177,697.03
	Receipts	173,907.89
	Abatements	166.30
	Refunds	<u>540.79</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	4,163.63

Fiscal 2006 Personal Property	June 30, 2006 Balance	3,069.67
	Receipts	<u>1,988.02</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,081.65

Fiscal 2005 Personal Property	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,219.12
	Receipts	<u>401.44</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	817.68

Fiscal 2004 Personal Property	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,940.06
	Receipts	<u>516.79</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,423.27

Fiscal 2003 Personal Property	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,001.23
Fiscal 2002 Personal Property	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,754.65
Fiscal 2001 Personal Property	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,196.10
Fiscal 2000 Personal Property	June 30, 2007 Balance	258.28
Fiscal 1999 Personal Property	June 30, 2007 Balance	83.13
Fiscal 1997 Personal Property	June 30, 2007 Balance	168.26

Fiscal 2007 Boat Excise	Committed	58,570.00
	Receipts	50,356.45
	Abatements	3,949.34
	Refunds	<u>33.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	4,297.21

Fiscal 2006 Boat Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	40,231.34
	Receipts	32,968.61

	Abatements	3,199.01
	Refunds	<u>128.19</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	4,191.91
Fiscal 2005 Boat Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	3,649.28
	Receipts	881.61
	Abatements	485.42
	Refunds	<u>183.75</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	2,466.00
Fiscal 2004 Boat Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,869.54
	Receipts	<u>147.24</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,722.30
Fiscal 2003 Boat Excise	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,163.20
Fiscal 2002 Boat Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	540.88
	Receipts	<u>16.88</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	524.00
Fiscal 2001 Boat Excise	June 30, 2007 Balance	288.00
Fiscal 2000 Boat Excise	June 30, 2007 Balance	224.12
Fiscal 1999 Boat Excise	June 30, 2007 Balance	25.89
2007 Motor Vehicle Excise	Committed	1,602,431.91
	Receipts	1,410,966.08
	Abatements	81,680.04
	Refunds	<u>7,503.76</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	117,289.55
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	123,012.29
	Add'l Committed	332,569.68
	Receipts	401,022.31
	Abatements	35,117.79
	Refunds	<u>15,576.69</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	35,018.56
2005 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	39,689.64
	Add'l Committed	1,243.68
	Receipts	21,377.04
	Abatements	4,100.10
	Refunds	<u>1,239.37</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	16,695.55
2004 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	18,923.71
	Receipts	5,439.09
	Abatements	1,175.31
	Refunds	<u>865.41</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	13,174.72
2003 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	8,580.22
	Receipts	2,429.49
	Abatements	<u>121.88</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	6,028.85
2002 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	6,248.16
	Receipts	908.21
	Abatements	<u>14.82</u>

	June 30, 2007 Balance	5,325.13
2001 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	6,013.34
	Receipts	84.49
	Abatements	<u>243.85</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	5,685.00
2000 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	5,686.80
	Receipts	184.26
	Abatements	<u>171.25</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	5,331.29
1999 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	4,916.43
	Receipts	16.25
	Abatements	<u>499.58</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	4,400.60
1998 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	2,304.61
	Receipts	33.75
	Abatements	<u>25.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	2,245.86
1997 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,596.08
	Receipts	28.75
	Abatements	25.00
	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,542.33
1996 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,746.68
	Receipts	<u>46.05</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	1,700.63
1995 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	525.64
	Receipts	<u>22.50</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	503.14
1994 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2007 Balance	670.00
1993 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	75.01
	Add'l Committed	13.75
	Receipts	<u>13.75</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	75.01
1992 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	27.50
	Add'l Committed	43.00
	Receipts	<u>43.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	27.50
1991 Motor Vehicle Excise	June 30, 2007 Balance	216.25
2006 Farm Animal Excise	Committed	3,143.58
	Receipts	2,610.58
	Abatements	<u>533.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-0-
2005 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	748.75
	Receipts	<u>748.75</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-0-

2004 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2006	745.00
	Receipts	675.00
	Abatements	<u>70.00</u>
	June 30, 2007	-0-
2003 Farm Animal Excise	June 30, 2006 Balance	70.00
	Abatements	<u>70.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-0-
2006 Wharfage	Committed	24,328.80
	Receipts	<u>23,608.80</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	720.00
2005 Wharfage	June 30, 2007 Balance	960.00
2004 Wharfage	June 30, 2006 Balance	1,440.00
	Abated	<u>480.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	960.00
2003 Wharfage	June 30, 2006 Balance	960.00
	Receipts	<u>308.04</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	651.96
2002 Wharfage	June 30, 2006 Balance	960.00
	Receipts	<u>960.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-0-
2001 Wharfage	June 30, 2006 Balance	480.00
	Receipts	<u>480.00</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	-0-
2006 Moorings	Committed	3,600.00
	Receipts	<u>3,393.33</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	206.67
2004 Moorings	June 30, 2006 Balance	23.56
	Receipts	<u>-0-</u>
	June 30, 2007 Balance	23.56

A total of \$3,064.11 was collected for the School Improvement Fund. \$69,469.15 was collected between rollback, withdrawal, and conveyance taxes. 592 Municipal Lien Certificates were prepared at a cost of \$25 each for a total of \$14,800. A municipal lien certificate lists the status of taxes for a three-year period and is usually requested from attorneys for closings.

Small claims court was utilized to aide in the collection of returned checks, delinquent personal property and farm animal excise bills.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Borden  
Tax Collector



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I hereby submit my annual report for the year ending June 30, 2007. Our records are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa M. Provencal

## TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2007

### Assets:

Cash	3,004,525.86	
Petty Cash		150.00
Personal Property 1997	168.26	
Personal Property 1999	83.13	
Personal Property 2000	258.28	
Personal Property 2001	1,196.10	
Personal Property 2002	1,754.65	
Personal Property 2003	1,001.23	
Personal Property 2004	1,423.27	
Personal Property 2005	817.68	
Personal Property 2006	1,081.65	
Personal Property 2007	4,163.63	
Real Estate 2006	717.51	
Real Estate 2007	400,715.75	
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY03		1,001.23
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY04		1,681.46
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY05		976.73
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY06		84,311.00
Allowance for Abatements/Exemptions FY07		137,340.31
Tax Title Liens Rec.	25,257.05	
Def. Property Taxes Rec.	22,586.15	
Taxes in Litigation	1,222.24	
Chapter 61 Withdrawal Tax	6,805.83	
Motor Vehicle 1992	243.75	
Motor Vehicle 1993	75.01	
Motor Vehicle 1994	670.00	
Motor Vehicle 1995	503.14	
Motor Vehicle 1996	1,700.63	
Motor Vehicle 1997	1,542.33	
Motor Vehicle 1998	2,245.86	
Motor Vehicle 1999	4,400.60	
Motor Vehicle 2000	5,331.29	
Motor Vehicle 2001	5,685.00	
Motor Vehicle 2002	5,325.13	

Motor Vehicle 2003	6,028.85
Motor Vehicle 2004	13,174.72
Motor Vehicle 2005	16,695.55
Motor Vehicle 2006	35,018.56
Motor Vehicle 2007	117,289.55
Boat Excise 1999	25.89
Boat Excise 2000	224.12
Boat Excise 2001	288.00
Boat Excise 2002	524.00
Boat Excise 2003	1,163.20
Boat Excise 2004	1,722.30
Boat Excise 2005	2,466.00
Boat Excise 2006	4,191.91
Boat Excise 2007	4,297.21
Ambulance Rec.	283,437.28
Tax Foreclosures	70,223.38

**Liabilities & Fund Equity:**

Tailings and Unclaimed Items	19,275.55
Deferred Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	188,070.41
Deferred Taxes (41A)	22,586.15
Deferred Tax Liens	25,257.05
Deferred Tax Foreclosures	70,223.38
Deferred Taxes in Litigation	1,222.24
Deferred Motor Vehicle Excise	6,805.83
Deferred Boat Excise	215,929.97
Deferred Farm Animal Excise	14,902.63
Deferred Departmental	283,437.28
Fund Balance Reserved-Encumbrances	1,042,256.21
Fund Balance Reserved-Cont. Appropriations	156,433.09
Fund Balance Reserved-Over. Rel by Assessor	278,000.00
Fund Balance Reserved-Expenditures	653,723.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	854,688.01

Fund Totals	4,058,271.53	4,058,271.53
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**School Lunch:**

Cash	70,117.66
Undesignated Fund Balance	70,117.66

Fund Totals	70,117.66	70,117.66
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**Highway:**

Due from Commonwealth	758.00
Cash	758.00

Fund Totals	758.00	758.00
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**School Grants:**

Cash	71,792.27	
Sped Prof. Development & Training FY07		1,843.09
Sped Entitlement FY07		14,636.67
Title II-A FY07		228.00
Title V FY07		130.00
Title I FY07		23,253.90
Sped MS Read FY07		5,260.82
Sped Corrective Action FY07		349.01
Full Day Kindergarten FY07		4,957.79
Alternative Education FY07		8,071.60
Academic Support FY07		24.44
FY07 High School Academic Support		1,036.06
Career Planning & Exploration		500.00
SEEAL Grant Award FY07		1,150.83
Sped Circuit Breaker FY07		8,927.00
Bridgewater College Award FY06		1,219.84
Bridgewater College Project AW		203.22

**Fund Totals**

71,792.27	71,792.27
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**Town Grants:**

Cash	1,508,895.63	
Council on Aging SRTA Van Award		114,513.13
Jag Grant FY06-08	2,845.18	
Department of Housing & Community Dev.		26.18
Westport Head Stormwater Project		6,380.20
SBA Reimbursement 1.3 million		1,175,472.00
Library /Incentive		67,579.75
Massachusetts Cultural Council		5,175.68
Library Municipal Equalization		17,657.26
Library-Nonresident Circulation		1,424.83
Community Police		10,021.54
Police Bulletproof Vests	1,465.50	
Repair Herring Run @ Adamsville Road		426.38
Shellfish Propagation/DFA		28,213.66
Recycling/Compost Bins		558.06
Watch Your Car/Police		397.48
Click It or Ticket It	1,644.14	
Fire Public Safety Equipment		13.00
Clean Vessel Act		2,151.83
Westport River #3488	3,022.29	
MA Development Finance FY06	311.90	
S.A.F.E./Fire		8,320.16
SETB Police Training Grant	4,223.53	
MassHousing – Tech Assistance 26	6,429.10	
CDBG/Community Development Recapture		67,807.78
Buzzard Bay/Gifford Road		1,992.92
Council on Aging ARAW FY07 – 15,200t		9,645.42
ARAW Council on Aging Grant 33,500k		11,060.31

Fund Totals	1,528,837.27	1,528,837.57
<u>Reserved For Appropriations:</u>		
Cash	292,450.82	
Municipal Waterway Improvement		105,567.74
Sale of Cemetery Lots		128,060.00
Weights & Measures Fines		112.50
Landfill Closure		58,710.58
Fund Totals	292,450.82	292,450.82
<u>School Revolving:</u>		
Cash	162,682.56	
School Day Care		33,008.79
School Choice Tuition		51,295.19
Lost Supplies/Materials		4,795.42
Student Athletic Activities		14,693.57
Adult/Continuing Education		20,407.35
School Scholarship		6,150.00
e-Rate Telephone		9,859.04
Transportation/Reimbursement		22,473.20
Fund Totals	162,682.56	162,682.56
<u>Town Revolving</u>		
Cash	940,144.48	
Massachusetts Cultural Council		837.16
Board of Health Beach Testing		6,678.29
Septic vs Well Test/Board of Health		74,300.00
Westport Arts Council – Sr Village Sidewalks		30,062.68
Estuary Gifts/Donations		5,000.00
Wetland Filing Fees		65,390.78
Library-New Floor Gift		276.98
Nurse/Council on Aging Health Care		3,432.84
Council on Aging Clinic Gift		10,100.31
Council on Aging Transportation		64,741.85
Library Gift		3,900.10
Ambulance Revolving		1,085.25
Shellfish Equipment Gift		1,698.25
Fire Works Gifts		6,214.42
GIS Mapping Revolving		13,802.87
Shellfish Propagation Gift		20,337.88
Water & Sewer Project Gift		18.00
Police Explorer Post 305		852.41
Police Gift Account		8,270.91
Library Expansion Gift Account		125,000.00
Fire Department Gift Account		5,700.10
Town Wharf Improvements		1,589.08
Westport Agricultural Gift		1,931.62

Town Waterways Improve Fund	2,500.00	
Haz Mat Revolving – Fire Department	3,956.85	
Police Cruiser Revolving	2,433.04	
Cable TV Revolving	338,752.22	
Senior Center Building Revolving	8,394.71	
Senior Day Care Revolving	18,709.35	
Recreation/Community Center Revolving	8,572.20	
Highway Insurance Reimbursement	2,650.00	
Police Insurance Reimbursement	4,006.87	
Building – Gas – Plumbing Revolving	98,947.46	
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>940,144.48</b>	<b>940,144.48</b>

**Betterments:**

Cash	56,450.61	
Septic System Repair Rec	64,787.08	
Interest Added to Septic	1,461.10	
Septic Assessment Deferred Rev		64,787.08
Septic Interest Assessment Deferred		1,461.10
Undesignated Fund Balance		56,450.61
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>122,698.79</b>	<b>122,698.79</b>

**Community Preservation:**

Cash	748,846.59	
Levy Year 2006		153.66
Levy Year 2007	7,638.93	
Tax Liens Rec	349.72	
Tax Foreclosures	259.79	
Deferred CPA Real Estate Tax		7,485.27
Deferred CPA Tax Liens		349.72
Deferred CPA Tax Foreclosures		259.79
CPC/Open Space		79,050.00
CPC /Community Housing		80,000.00
CPC/Historic Preservation		5,844.00
FB Reserved for FY04 Projects		22,015.00
FB Reserved for FY05 Projects		69,815.66
FB Reserved for FY06 Projects		9,372.34
FB Reserved for FY07 Projects		55,471.53
Undesignated Fund Balance		427,278.06
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>757,095.03</b>	<b>757,095.03</b>

**School Capital Project:**

Cash	2,452.67	
Reserved for Expenses		2,452.67
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>2,452.67</b>	<b>2,452.67</b>

Landfill Capping Project:

Cash	45,164.51	
Fund Balance		45,164.51
Fund Totals	45,164.51	45,164.51

Agricultural Open Space:

Cash	3,380.68	
Bond Anticipation Notes		95,000.00
Undesignated fund Balance	91,619.32	
Fund Totals	95,000.00	95,000.00

Water Enterprise:

Cash	117,690.93	
User Charges Receivable	13,305.73	
Service Charges Receivable	1,565.00	
Deferred User Charges		13,305.73
Deferred Service Charges		1,565.00
Fund Balance Reserved Encumbrances		12,861.00
FB Reserved for Capital Emergency		50,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		54,829.93
Fund Totals	132,561.66	132,561.66

Harbor Enterprise:

Cash	217,226.48	
Wharfage Receivable	3,291.96	
Mooring Receivable	206.67	
Deferred Revenue - Wharfage		3,291.96
Deferred Revenue - Moorings		206.67
Fund Balance Reserved - Encumbrances		480.20
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital Harbormaster		24,342.25
Fund Balance Reserve/Capital Wharfage		35,050.60
State Ramp/Capital Reserved		9,876.89
Fund Balance Reserved FY07 Article		53,036.36
Undesignated Fund Balance		94,440.18
Fund Totals	220,725.11	220,725.11

Non-Expendable Trust:

Restricted Savings	965,940.26	
Salisbury Memorial		52,966.53
W.B. Hicks Library		500.00
I. Weeks Library		1,000.00
Perpetual Care		570,198.66
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship		33,342.00
R.W. Mullaney Library Trust		26,000.00
Library Trusts		14,591.00

Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Trust	19,585.02
Mary Brown Library	5,000.00
Pelletier Public Library	2,500.00
E.W. Brightman Scholarship	10,000.00
H. Hoyt Library	10,000.00
Tripp Library	200,000.00
Tripp High School Library	5,000.00
Dr. & Mrs. Kirkaldy Library Trust	2,155.00
Lisa Chase Tripp Library Trust	13,102.05

Fund Totals	965,940.26	965,940.26
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Expendable Trust:

Cash	949,560.48	
Law Enforcement		31,829.81
School Improvement		15,021.30
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Scholarship		5,585.02
Grimshaw/Gudewicz Scholarship II		861.04
Salisbury Memorial		4,660.11
Ambulance		11,328.60
Wm B Hicks Library Trust		88.13
I. Weeks Library		240.47
Town Farm		12,303.75
Landing Commissioners		35,282.59
Bicentennial Playground		318.03
Conservation		13,470.02
Veterans Memorial		1,441.25
Perpetual Care		434,605.07
Open Space		214.93
Westport Betterment/Fuel		3,155.51
Nancy Fenn Music Scholarship		4,648.50
L.B. Bowman Library Trust		11,669.48
R.W. Mullaney Library Trust		2,759.89
Library Trust		1,353.20
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial		12,780.08
Mary Brown Library		5,871.84
Westport Betterment/Community Center		1,436.40
Pelletier/Public Library		201.53
E.W. Brightman Scholarship		1,293.82
Westport Betterment		5,019.68
Westport Historical		12,046.78
Helen Ellis Arts Lottery		27,984.08
H. Hoyt Library Trust		870.81
Tripp Senior		31,859.36
Tripp Library		45,223.29
Tripp High School Library		7,516.49
Planning Board Review Fees		187,728.67
Appeals Board Comprehensive Permits		7,216.82
Dr. & Mrs. Kirkaldy Library Trust		99.49

Lisa Chase Tripp Library Trust	560.90	
Wolf Pit School Trust	6,005.03	
Amanda Tripp Memorial Scholarship	4,858.03	
Westport Betterment – Town Hall Maintenance	150.68	
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>949,560.48</b>	<b>949,560.48</b>
<b><u>Other Trust:</u></b>		
Cash	2,296,765.18	
Stabilization Fund		1,244,027.99
Retirement Fund		1,052,737.19
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>2,296,765.18</b>	<b>2,296,765.18</b>
<b><u>Agency:</u></b>		
Cash	1,232,287.61	
Sped/Medicaid		2,124.69
Special Police/Firearm Detail		2,282.80
Police Extra Detail		22,674.45
School Extra Detail		157.79
Fire Extra Detail		14.70
Conservation Commission Ad Fees		519.53
Conservation Commission Consulting Fees		585.02
Employee Retirement Contributions		72,984.72
Firearm Licenses		11,032.50
Constable Fees		1,162.00
Sales Tax		296.04
Meal Tax		89.11
Sporting Licenses	419.25	
Comprehensive Charges/Fees	508.08	
Collector Over/Overage		101.77
Performance Bonds/Passbooks		1,078,465.64
High School Student Activity		32,889.00
Middle School Student Activity		7,681.56
Elementary School Student Activity		54.30
Macomber School Student Activity		99.32
<b>Fund Totals</b>	<b>1,233,214.94</b>	<b>1,233,214.94</b>
<b><u>Outstanding Debt:</u></b>		
School Construction Bond	2,560,000.00	1,800,000.00
Agricultural Open Space		760,000.00
	<b>2,560,000.00</b>	<b>2,560,000.00</b>

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2007**



	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Returned</u>
<u>Accountant</u>				
Salaries	77,643.46	77,092.45		551.01
Expenses	26,679.00	13,758.42	12,750.00	170.58
Encumbered	280.52	280.52		0.00
<u>Appeals</u>				
Salaries	5,384.00	5,382.15		1.85
Expenses	1,715.00	1,104.96		610.04
Encumbered	5,000.00	3,380.08		1,619.92
<u>Assessors</u>				
Salaries	134,613.72	134,148.12		465.60
Expenses	5,002.00	4,195.79		806.21
00 Revaluation Program	7,586.13	2,907.08	4,679.05	0.00
01 Update Revaluation	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	0.00
01 Appellate Hearings	1,082.47	0.00	1,082.47	0.00
04 Appellate Hearings	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
05 Revaluation Program	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
06 Revaluation Program	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
07 Revaluation Program	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
<u>Board Of Health</u>				
Salaries	211,230.80	170,633.32	400.00	40,197.48
Expenses	13,869.00	12,892.14	447.72	529.14
Encumbered	1,350.63	1,314.05		36.58
<u>Building Inspectors</u>				
Salaries	126,613.58	124,263.11		2,350.47
Expenses	6,225.00	6,047.57		177.43
Encumbered	0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Cemetery</u>				
Salaries	120,764.48	117,990.56		2,773.92
Expenses	7,768.00	7,745.11		22.89
2000 Cemetery Water System	1,424.95	0.00	1,424.95	0.00
2005 Cemetery Truck	1,552.39	713.88	837.51	1.00
2007 Cemetery Maintenance	10,000.00	3,261.80	6,738.20	0.00
2007 Cemetery Dump Truck	24,950.00	24,950.00		0.00
<u>Civil Defense</u>				
Salaries	2,788.21	2,788.21		0.00
Expenses	1,571.00	1,499.66	5.53	65.81
Encumbered	35.00	15.80		19.20
<u>COLLECTOR</u>				
Salaries	114,197.36	114,170.19		27.17
Expenses	32,726.00	32,105.40	501.24	119.36
Encumbered	1,250.14	1,091.99		158.15
<u>Conservation</u>				
Salaries	65,285.12	60,314.53	1,352.54	3,618.05
Expenses	5,472.46	5,472.46		0.00
Encumbered	0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Council on Aging</u>				
Salaries	134,989.07	134,989.07		0.00

Expenses	44,358.00	44,348.95		9.05
<u>Data Processing</u>				
Salaries	25,750.00	25,750.00		0.00
Expenses	64,700.00	43,247.51	21,452.49	0.00
07 Equip. Repair & Maintenance	7,920.00	7,920.00		0.00
Encumbered	28,725.87	27,990.40		735.47
<u>Dog Officer</u>				
Salaries	25,153.63	25,153.63		0.00
Expenses	5,800.00	4,961.84	289.77	548.39
Encumbered	726.22	150.00		576.22
<u>Election &amp; Registration</u>				
Salaries	46,105.94	45,167.99		937.95
Expenses	25,548.00	23,966.79		1,581.21
Encumbered	843.00	843.00		0.00
<u>Employee Benefits</u>				
Health Insurance	2,141,290.00	2,000,322.63	1,540.00	139,427.37
Life Insurance	4,500.00	4,398.30		101.70
FICA/Medicare	200,000.00	201,264.85		-1,264.85
Unemployment	34,710.00	35,607.89		-897.89
Workers Compensation	95,374.00	95,366.05		7.95
Encumbered	1,821.66	1,821.66		0.00
<u>Finance Committee</u>				
Salaries	1,433.00	1,334.44		98.56
Expenses	2,200.00	1,927.06		272.94
Reserve Fund Transfers	22,251.87	-1,185.00		23,436.87
<u>Fire Department</u>				
Salaries	1,401,001.06	1,400,918.02		83.04
Expenses	181,033.00	178,104.03	2,889.62	29.35
Encumbered	1,397.08	1,397.08		0.00
<u>Gas Inspectors</u>				
<u>Highway</u>				
Salaries	504,199.49	501,756.75	304.00	2,138.74
Expenses	132,106.00	132,084.16	6.95	14.89
FY03 Road Reconstruction	27,595.25	27,595.25		0.00
FY05 Road Reconstruction	20,000.00	12,692.93	7,307.07	0.00
FY06 Road Reconstruction	20,000.00	20,000.00		0.00
FY07 Road Reconstruction	20,000.00	15,737.74	4,262.26	0.00
Encumbered	368.72	368.72		0.00
<u>Highway/Snow &amp; Ice</u>				
Salaries	39,635.00	22,450.15		17,184.85
Expenses	61,553.13	78,737.98		-17,184.85
<u>Historical Commission</u>				
Expenses	539.00	539.00		0.00
Encumbered	189.48	189.48		0.00
<u>Housing Partnership</u>				
Expenses	200.00	184.10		15.90

Landfill

Salaries	111,842.38	108,090.92		3,751.46
Expenses	239,845.00	189,696.56	38,024.88	12,123.56
FY05 Landfill Closure	16,693.09	16,693.09		0.00
FY06 STM Article \$112k	88,816.75	86,391.92	2,424.83	0.00
Encumbrances	14,239.99	13,148.45		1,091.54

Landing Commission

FY05 Head Landing Cleanup	5,000.02	5,000.02		0.00
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Legal

Legal Expense	105,000.00	84,921.45	5,000.00	15,078.55
Encumbered	19,726.62	19,726.62		0.00

Library

Salaries	169,583.92	169,041.51		542.41
Expenses	43,206.00	43,203.91		2.09

Moderator

Salaries	702.46	702.46		0.00
Expenses	162.00	0.00		162.00

Nursing

Salaries	31,030.05	27,930.17		3,099.88
Expenses	3,843.00	3,701.84		141.16

Parking Tickets

Expenses	3,285.00	2,294.66	203.46	786.88
Encumbered	1,111.53	1,072.14		39.39

Personnel Board

Salaries	484.00	0.00		484.00
Expenses	80.00	0.00		80.00

Planning Board

Salaries	73,547.15	73,507.59		39.56
Expenses	7,475.00	4,698.27	2,761.69	15.04
01 Master Plan	235.74	0.00	235.74	0.00
Encumbered	129.07	129.07		0.00

Plumbing InspectorPolice Department

Salaries	2,169,074.00	2,169,050.41		23.59
Expenses	405,847.00	399,301.69	6,545.31	0.00
07 Dog Care	238.00	238.00		0.00
07 Police Building	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Encumbered	9,405.55	9,387.65		17.90

Property Insurance

Expenses	210,300.00	207,797.71	300.00	2,202.29
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Recreation/Community CenterRegional Schools

Diman Regional	760,877.00	760,876.00		1.00
Bristol Agricultural	24,000.00	19,283.86		4,716.14

**Retirement**

Expenses	1,254,192.00	1,254,192.00		0.00
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**School Department**

Gen Ed Salaries	8,730,871.55	8,223,171.91	507,699.64	0.00
Gen Ed Expenses	1,632,697.05	1,474,355.99	157,581.66	759.40
Gen Ed Salaries Encumbered	501,802.98	501,577.98		225.00
Gen Ed Encumbered	161,019.43	160,520.97		498.46
Gen Ed Transportation Salaries	54,700.00	54,700.00		0.00
Gen Ed Transportation Expenses	849,513.83	778,230.23	71,283.60	0.00
Gen Ed Trans Encumbered	729,073.96	728,350.50		723.46
Spec Ed Salaries	1,841,387.97	1,722,995.46	118,392.51	0.00
Spec Ed Expenses	444,709.43	369,712.23	74,997.20	0.00
Sped Ed Salaries Encumbered	110,194.46	110,168.20		26.26
Sped Ed Expenses Encumbered	121,828.35	121,828.35		0.00
Sped Ed Transportation Expenses	286,398.17	286,398.17		0.00

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**

Salaries	1,756.15	1,7615.00		0.00
Expenses	449.00	393.73		55.27

**Selectmen**

Salaries	219,867.19	219,678.31		188.88
Expenses	38,600.00	17,671.87	3,928.13	17,000.00
05 Networking Town Buildings	57,973.36	56,876.35	1,097.01	0.00
07 Layout Main Road	20,000.00	17,548.66	2,451.34	0.00
07 Economic Plan & Coordinator	15,000.00	1,986.38	13,013.62	0.00
Encumbered	2,180.76	1,733.53		447.23

**Shellfish**

Salaries	67,267.47	67,264.56		2.91
Expenses	19,213.00	11,198.32	8,014.68	0.00
Encumbered	133.97	133.97		0.00

**Street Lighting**

Expenses	21,000.00	20,995.69		4.31
Encumbered	1,541.29	1,541.29		0.00

**Town Beach**

Salaries	25,234.60	24,881.59		353.01
Expenses	10,456.00	9,512.51	228.19	715.30
Encumbered	0.00	0.00		0.00

**Town Clerk**

Salaries	83,262.76	83,214.73		48.03
Expenses	4,775.00	4,720.75		54.25

**Town Farm**

Expenses	2,816.00	2,816.00		0.00
Encumbered	1,830.00	1,830.00		0.00

**Town Hall**

Salaries	70,066.20	67,708.18		2,358.02
Expenses	73,930.00	72,229.84	1,700.16	0.00
FY04 Town Hall Annex Well	392.97	0.00	392.97	0.00
FY05 Town Hall Cleanup	22,519.67	15,296.09	7,223.58	0.00

FY07 Town Hall Truck	7,500.00	7,500.00		0.00
Encumbered	14,035.56	14,035.56		0.00
<u>Town Reports</u>				
Expenses	4,200.00	3,706.19		493.81
<u>Treasurer</u>				
Salaries	115,786.59	11,785.50		1.09
Expenses	29,955.00	21,793.66	537.24	7,624.10
Encumbered	899.14	659.34		239.80
<u>Wire Inspectors</u>				
<u>Veterans Graves</u>				
Salaries	870.35	870.35		0.00
Expenses	2,049.00	2,006.48		42.52
Encumbered	493.43	493.43		0.00
<u>Veterans Services</u>				
Salaries	32,428.50	32,428.50		0.00
Expenses	4,657.00	3,752.32		904.68
Veteran Benefits	88,542.00	74,880.31	3,108.00	10,553.69
Veteran Services	4,500.00	4,309.28		190.72
Encumbered	6,575.60	1,119.86		5,455.74
<u>Long Term Debt</u>				
School Bond	104,088.00	104,088.00		0.00
Agricultural Open Space	190,000.00	190,000.00		0.00
<u>Long Term Interest</u>				
School Bond	83,850.00	83,850.00		0.00
Agricultural Open Space	39,790.00	39,789.17		.83
<u>Short Term Debt</u>				
Temporary Borrowing	0.00	0.00		0.00
<u>Other Government</u>				
FY05 Public Safety Complex	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
FY05 Mosquito Control	1.00	0.00		1.00
FY05 Environmental Services	770.00	770.00		0.00
<u>State Assessments</u>				
Charter Tuition Assessment	0.00	135,139.00		
School Choice Assessment	0.00	8,180.00		
Special Ed Chapter 71b	0.00	5,563.00		
Mosquito Control Project	0.00	75,251.00		
Air Pollution Control	0.00	4,425.00		
Trans Auth Gatra	0.00	17,368.00		
RMV/Non-Renewal Surcharge	0.00	15,460.00		
SRPEDD	2,300.00	2,290.98		9.02
<u>County Assessment</u>				
County Tax		232,767.97		
<u>Totals</u>	29,177,903.95	28,156,981.16	1,199,526.81	315,549.95

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE**  
**BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR 2007**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Plus/Minus</u>
<b><u>Taxes &amp; Local Receipts:</u></b>			
Personal Property	178,000.00	176,275.19	-1,724.81
Real Estate	16,816,000.00	16,902,178.01	86,178.01
Conveyance	0.00	61,703.00	61,703.00
Roll Back	0.00	966.32	966.32
Deferred Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Liens Redeemed	0.00	22,134.03	22,134.03
Litigated Taxes	0.00	530.78	530.78
Chapter 61 Withdrawal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Taxes	1,920,000.00	1,817,257.92	-102,742.08
Boat Excise Taxes	35,000.00	41,840.52	6,840.52
Farm Animal & Machine	4,000.00	4,034.33	34.33
Forest Excise	100.00	66.00	-34.00
Rental/Codimonk	6,000.00	6,700.00	700.00
Rental/Town Farm	9,000.00	9,702.10	702.10
Rentals/Land/Annex	0.00	981.26	981.26
Telephone Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Hearings	430.00	780.00	350.00
Selectmen/Hix Bridge	1,870.00	3,370.00	1,500.00
Liquor License	20,000.00	24,625.00	4,625.00
Other Licenses	715.00	890.00	175.00
Entertainment	1,080.00	1,350.00	270.00
Auctioneers	25.00	30.00	5.00
Auto Repair	8,660.00	10,800.00	2,140.00
Common Victualler	2,770.00	3,450.00	680.00
Auto Licenses	11,550.00	14,400.00	2,850.00
State/Sunday Licenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trailer Permits	6,150.00	6,900.00	750.00
Yard Sales/Flea Market	250.00	276.00	26.00
Selectmen Misc.	650.00	1,010.58	360.58
Assessors Misc.	2,000.00	2,535.00	535.00
Tax Title Release	100.00	1,285.00	1,185.00
Treasurer Miscellaneous	600.00	445.00	-155.00
Investment Interest	0.00	268,621.48	268,621.48
Collector Interest - Taxes	0.00	67,033.71	67,033.71
Collector Interest - Excise	0.00	13,044.35	13,044.35
Collector Demands - Taxes	0.00	4,550.00	4,550.00
Collector Demands - Excise	0.00	34,690.00	34,690.00
Collector Interest - Liens	0.00	4,579.02	4,579.02
In Lieu of Taxes	0.00	14,002.72	14,002.72
Municipal Liens	15,296.00	15,000.00	-296.00
Release Fees	14,704.00	14,420.00	-284.00
Collector Miscellaneous	1,500.00	4,856.83	3,356.83
Collector Interest Earned	0.00	18,911.22	18,911.22
Data Processing Miscellaneous	50.00	0.00	-50.00
Town Clerk Miscellaneous	3,300.00	1,100.81	-2,199.19

Zoning By-Laws	1,000.00	1,479.00	479.00
Town Clerk Charges	15,200.00	15,942.10	742.10
Raffle, Junk, Hawkers	500.00	600.00	100.00
Voting List	200.00	366.30	166.30
Conservation Commission Miscellaneous	250.00	257.95	7.95
Conservation Commission Filing Fees	2,510.00	2,580.00	70.00
Conservation Commission Soil Permits	1,240.00	1,275.00	35.00
Planning Board Fees	13,200.00	8,848.67	-4,351.33
Board of Appeals Fees	11,000.00	2,797.44	-8,202.56
Board of Appeals Filing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Hall/Annex Miscellaneous	0.00	90.79	90.79
Miscellaneous	18,500.00	4,687.93	-13,812.07
Police Reports	2,275.00	1,556.05	-718.95
Administrative Fees	24,825.00	16,986.85	-7,838.15
Fire Arms/ID Cards	9,000.00	8,475.00	-525.00
Non-Criminal Fines	0.00	1,331.00	1,331.00
Court Fines	2,820.00	2,620.00	-200.00
Registrar Fines	119,400.00	111,060.00	-8,340.00
Parking Fines	28,680.00	26,677.26	-2,002.74
Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Department Fees	8,300.00	17,208.00	8,908.00
Ambulance Charges	320,000.00	421,695.56	101,695.56
Building Permits	105,000.00	116,528.00	11,528.00
Sealer of Weight & Measure Permits	1,500.00	2,046.00	546.00
Dog Reclamation	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Dog Licenses	10,000.00	9,772.00	-228.00
Shellfish Licenses	32,000.00	25,620.00	-6,380.00
Education Miscellaneous	0.00	290.55	290.55
Highway Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scrap Iron/Tin	10,000.00	13,202.15	3,202.15
Tires	2,000.00	1,993.75	-6.25
Paper/Magazine	5,000.00	5,459.05	459.05
Cardboard	2,500.00	3,935.57	1,435.57
Glass	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plastics	3,000.00	3,933.46	933.46
Televisions	3,000.00	3,795.05	795.05
Miscellaneous Recyclables	0.00	1,289.02	1,289.02
Bulk Trash Permits	5,000.00	6,484.00	1,484.00
Punch Cards	123,000.00	142,352.05	19,352.05
Landfill Day Passes	0.00	405.20	405.20
Landfill Stickers	10,000.00	18,353.00	8,353.00
Cemetery Interment	35,000.00	33,450.00	-1,550.00
Cemetery Foundations	10,000.00	10,167.67	167.67
Cemetery Saturday/Sunday Burial	5,000.00	2,850.00	-2,150.00
Board of Health Permits	90,000.00	111,543.13	21,543.13
Board of Health Anti Smoking	0.00	700.00	700.00
Board of Health Miscellaneous Fees	300.00	2,339.08	2,039.08
Nursing/Shots	356.00	470.00	114.00
Nursing/Medicare Shots	135.00	177.84	42.84
Nursing Charges	1,109.00	1,467.00	358.00
Library Fees	0.00	2,867.62	2,867.62
Beach Stickers	0.00	50,710.00	50,710.00

Historical Commission Fees	100.00	350.00	250.00
Historical Commission Hearing	200.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>Total Local Receipts</b>	<b>20,092,900.00</b>	<b>20,798,812.27</b>	<b>705,912.27</b>
<b>State Aid:</b>			
Hotel/Motel Taxes	103,000.00	117,076.00	14,076.00
Abatements to Spouses	18,000.00	39,899.00	21,899.00
Abatements to Elderly	52,208.00	51,204.00	-1,004.00
School Aid Chapter 70	4,191,901.00	4,191,901.00	0.00
Charter School Reimbursement	66,201.00	41,068.00	-25,133.00
Police Career Incentive	91,975.00	95,715.35	3,740.35
Veterans Benefits	56,848.00	53,431.00	-3,417.00
Lottery	1,494,508.00	1,494,508.00	0.00
State Owned Land	273,842.00	273,842.00	0.00
Medical Reimbursement	125,000.00	279,684.03	154,684.03
Miscellaneous State Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additional Assistance Local Aid	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00
<b>Total State Aid</b>	<b>6,558,483.00</b>	<b>6,723,328.38</b>	<b>164,845.38</b>
	<b>26,651,383.00</b>	<b>27,522,140.65</b>	<b>870,757.65</b>

**HARBOR ENTERPRISE**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	
<b><u>State Boat Ramp</u></b>			
Salaries	13,104.69	13,094.82	9.87
Expenses	1,609.84	1,312.60	297.24
Capital	3,000.00	225.21	2,774.79
Indirect Costs			0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,714.53</b>	<b>14,632.63</b>	<b>3,081.90</b>
 <b><u>Harbormaster</u></b>			
Salaries	29,415.77	29,403.04	12.73
Expenses	14,892.64	14,851.36	41.28
Capital	6,000.00	15,629.30	-9,629.30
Dredge	70,000.00	16,963.64	53,036.36
Encumbered	48.63	48.63	0.00
Indirect Costs			0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,357.04</b>	<b>76,895.97</b>	<b>43,461.07</b>
 <b><u>Wharfinger</u></b>			
Salaries	4,567.54	4,567.54	0.00
Expenses	11,438.32	10,355.06	1,083.26
Capital	1,000.00	381.90	618.10



Repay Debt	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	27,005.86	25,304.50	1,701.36
Totals	165,077.43	116,833.10	48,244.33

HARBOR ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>State Ramp</u>	20,000.00	20,133.50	133.50
<u>Harbormaster</u>			
Moorings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dredge Surcharge	0.00	4,650.20	4,650.20
Dock and Slip Fees	67,000.00	74,141.50	7,141.50
Mooring Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	2.84	2.84
<u>Wharfinger</u>			
Wharfage	24,748.80	23,916.84	-831.96
Interest	0.00	353.00	353.00
Service Charges	3,284.70	3,247.05	-37.65
<u>Waterway Revenue</u>	31,500.00	49,043.86	17,543.86
	146,533.50	175,488.79	28,955.29

WATER ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>To Fund Balance</u>
Expenses:			
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,800.00	512.47	4,287.53
Water Purchases	40,339.00	26,768.92	13,570.08
Encumbered	17.50	17.50	0.00
	45,156.50	27,298.89	17,857.61

WATER ENTERPRISE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES  
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Water Usage	58,000.00	39,040.64	-18,959.36
Service Charges	0.00	6,125.00	6,125.00
Meters	0.00	771.00	717.00
Interest	0.00	663.00	663.00
	58,000.00	46,545.64	-11,454.36

### REVOLVING ACCOUNTS AUTHORIZED

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
COA - Programs	8,591.97	9,022.35	7,514.01	10,100.31
Senior Building Center	14,144.17	2,034.51	7,783.97	8,394.71
COA - Transportation	58,380.07	21,493.42	15,131.64	64,741.85
COA - Senior Day Care	28,843.84	60,425.22	70,559.71	18,709.35
Ambulance	103,849.27	212,764.02	315,528.04	1,085.25
Cable Advisory	307,722.05	70,588.04	39,557.87	338,752.22
Planning Board - GIS	20,574.67	10,641.80	17,413.60	13,802.87
	542,106.04	386,969.36	473,488.84	455,586.56

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

I hereby submit my annual report as Treasurer June 30, 2007.

Cash balance June 30, 2006. . . . .	\$11,340,390.24
Receipts July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2007	37,163,746.58
Total	\$48,504,136.82
Expenditures-Warrant July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007	(35,818,669.54)
Balance June 30, 2007	\$12,685,467.28
Total Cash June 30, 2007 . . . . .	\$12,685,467.28

You are hereby advised the following interest was earned for the Town of Westport through the cash management system and regular investments by the Town Treasurer of cash for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit-Stabilization Fund . . . . .	\$ 62,214.94
Income earned on Certificates of Deposit-Pension Reserve Fund: Special Fund for Retirement Purposes	

M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sec. 5D . . . . .	54,048.30
Interest earned on Certificates of Deposit, Money Market and Savings-Revenue . . . . .	236,107.81
Total Income earned July 2006 through June 2007 . . . . .	352,371.05

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Foster  
Treasurer

### TOWN OF WESTPORT DEBTS ACCOUNT

June 30, 2007

Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	\$2,655,000	
School Remodeling		1,800,000
Agriculture/Open Space Preservation		855,000
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	\$2,655,000	\$2,655,000

### SCHEDULE OF DEBT & INTEREST OUTSTANDING

June 30, 2007

#	Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#1	02/15/02	School Remodeling	3.8657%	10/15/07	36,675.00	
				04/15/08	36,675.00	300,000
				10/15/08	30,975.00	
				04/15/09	30,975.00	300,000
				10/15/09	24,975.00	
				04/25/10	24,975.00	300,000
				10/15/10	18,975.00	
				04/15/11	18,975.00	300,000
				10/15/11	12,825.00	
				04/15/12	12,825.00	300,000
				10/15/12	6,525.00	
				04/15/13	6,525.00	300,000
Total School . . . . .					\$261,900.00	\$1,800,000
#2	12/16/05	Agricultural/ Open Space Preservation Trust	4.20%	12/15/07	31,920.00	190,000
				12/15/08	23,940.00	190,000
				12/15/09	15,960.00	190,000
				12/15/10	7,980.00	190,000
Total Land Trust . . . . .					\$ 83,543.00	\$855,000

### TOWN OF WESTPORT BALANCE SHEET

#### TRUST & INVESTED ACCOUNTS

June 30, 2007

Cash & Securities in Custody of Treasurer	\$4,215,646.60
<u>FUND BALANCES:</u>	
Non-expendable:	
Elton W. "Mickey" Brightman Trust	\$ 10,000.00
Mary Brown Library	5,000.00
Ronald Desrosiers Memorial Fund	19,585.02
Nancy Ring Fenn Music Scholarship	33,342.00
Hicks Library	500.00
Harry Hoyt Library	10,000.00
Library Trusts:	
R & R Tripp	1,500.00
Arline Gifford	4,150.00
Rhoda Sheehan	
1,000.00	
Alice Dennett Tripp	3,931.00
Lockwood Towne	2,600.00
Isabelle Bowen	1,410.00
Edythe M. Pelletier Library	2,500.00
Rosemary Woodman Mullaney Trust	26,000.00
Salisbury Scholarship	52,966.53
Hazel Tripp High School Library	5,000.00
Hazel Tripp Public Library	200,000.00
Lisa Chase Tripp Trust	13,102.05
Imogene Weeks Library	1,000.00
Cemeteries:	
Point Cemetery	\$ 8,232.00
Hicks Lot	2,000.00
Private Cemetery	6,907.00
Peleg Peckham	6,430.00
Irene Poole	2,190.00
Linden Grove	16,715.00
Beech Grove	445,752.00
Maple Grove	81,972.66
Total Non-expendable . . . . .	\$965,940.26
Expendable:	
Agriculture/Open Space Preservation Trust	\$ 3,380.68
Amanda Tripp	4,858.03
Ambulance	11,328.60
Appeals Board	7,216.82
Bicentennial Playground	318.03
Bowman Library Trust	11,669.48
Brightman Trust	1,293.82
Mary Brown Library	5,871.84
Community Center	1,436.40
Conservation Trust	13,470.02
Conservation Open Space	214.93
Desrosiers Trust	12,780.08
Helen Ellis Trust (Arts Lottery)	27,984.08
Fenn Music Scholarship	4,648.50
Grinshaw-Gudewicz Trust	5,585.02
Grimshaw-Gudewicz II	861.04
Hicks Library	88.13
Historical Commission	12,046.78

Hoyt Library	870.81
Kirkaldy Trust	99.49
Landing Commission	35,282.59
Law Enforcement	31,829.81
Library Trusts	1,353.20
Mullaney Trust	2,759.89
Pelletier Public Library	201.53
Perpetual Care	434,605.07
Planning Board Engineering	187,728.67
Retirement/Pension Trust Fund	1,052,737.19
Salisbury Trust	4,660.11
School Improvement Fund	15,021.30
Stabilization Fund	1,244,027.99
Town Farm	12,303.75
Town Hall Maintenance	150.68
Hazel Tripp High School Library	7,516.49
Hazel Tripp Public Library	45,223.29
Hazel Tripp Senior Center	31,859.36
Lisa Chase Tripp Trust	560.90
Veterans Memorial	1,441.25
Imogene Weeks Library	240.47
Westport Citizens' Betterment - Fuel Assistance	3,155.51
Westport Citizens' Betterment	5,019.68
Wolf Pit School	6,005.03

Total Expendable . . . . . \$3,249,706.34

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS AGENT

I herewith submit my report for 2007 as Director/Agent of Veterans Services.

Cases on hand December 31, 2007	18
Cases on hand December 31, 2006	21
Cases opened during 2007, State & Federal	15
Cases not approved in 2007, State & Federal	5
Cases closed during 2007, State & Federal	6
Cases pending end of 2007, State & Federal	6
Veterans requiring help with obtaining medications & health services from the D.V.A. 2007	27
Veterans requiring additional help with applications being lost or waiting to be adjudicated	2
Veterans Hospitalized in 2007	49
Veterans/Dependents requiring services in 2007	2,221
Veterans Population in Westport in 2007	1,100

The amount of monies received by Veterans and/or Dependents from compensation, pensions, education, voc rehab, insurance's and indemnities resulting from claims filed through Veterans' services and the Department of Veterans Affairs equal \$1,557,360.00. The amount of monies received as reimbursement from the Office of the Commission of Veterans' Services and Benefits expended by the Town of Westport for the year 2006 equals \$ 59,052.96.

The Veterans services and benefits program has expanded this past year due to the improved housing areas now providing decent housing to our veterans and widows that are left behind. They are required to make do with their Social Security and small pensions. Those who are destitute are provided benefits to supplement

their needs. Most of our new neighbors come from other communities in the Commonwealth, so now we are committed to supplement the incomes of those who qualify by law. They have to first meet the Veteran's Benefits regulations and do not automatically qualify for all benefits that are available.

A must for all veterans to read, this is where your chapter 115 & 108 benefits come from, your VSO/Agent follows these rules to determine benefits. Needs and income are an important factor. Make an office appointment to see what you do or do not qualify for.

For 146 years, since 1861, from its first commitments to the civil war veterans and their spouses and dependents, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has demonstrated solid concern and compassion for those men and women who have displayed sacrifice, valor, and duty when their state and nation called upon them. It supports a network of services and benefits to insure that none of the 500,000 veterans in the State who served in time of war or their dependents will go hungry or become homeless or medically deprived.

After WWII when its membership was overwhelmingly veterans, the Legislature completely reorganized Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Law, which formed the basis of today's Veterans' financial and medical benefits system and established the title of Commissioner now the Secretary of Veterans' Services.

The Secretary has the responsibility for the proper administration of MGL 115. In addition to his supporting staff of some 35 personnel, most of whom are located in offices next to the State House, Veterans' Agents now called Veteran Service Officers carry out the program. They provide assistance in every city and town in the Commonwealth.

The VSO/Agent is a local employee and must be a veteran. It is the VSO/Agent to whom unemployed, indigent, disabled, ill, injured or otherwise needy veterans first apply for assistance. The Agents interview the applicants and determine their eligibility.

If a veteran qualifies, the agent will provide him with necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula, which takes into account the number of his dependents and his income from all sources. All expenses are paid by the veteran's hometown, and periodically, upon validation of the expenses, the Commonwealth reimburses 75% of those approved costs. The Commonwealth assists also in burial expenses for indigent veterans. All assistance is first approved by the State Veterans' Services authorizer for payments and must have a bill or E.O.B. explanation of those benefits for services that are requested to be paid.

It is a modest program, separate from public welfare, but it provides for a veteran's necessary support with the dignity to which he/she is entitled in the view of the sacrifices made in the service of his country. Needy dependents of deceased veterans are provided with the same benefits, as would the veteran if he was living.

In addition to the benefits paid through the program described, the Department of Veterans' Services pays an annual annuity of \$2,000 to certain veterans who have suffered permanent disabilities due to enemy action or accident during wartime. Additionally, the Department provides funding for nine non-profit veterans' outreach centers and three homeless shelters located throughout the Commonwealth. These programs require active veteran participation and are regionally-based service networks.

Massachusetts Veterans' Services has no formal affiliation with the Federal Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). It has an office at the VA's Regional Office, however, that provides assistance through the Veterans' Agents to all veterans and their dependents in applying for VA educational benefits, pensions, home loans, and arrangements for the treatment of service connected illness or injuries.

Furthermore, all veterans meeting certain wartime service-connected criteria are provided with motor vehicle benefits and property tax exemptions. There is Veterans Preference for state-aided public housing and civil service employment. Low-interest home loans are available through the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency. Eligible veterans may attend state colleges and universities as full time undergraduate students and receive full tuition waivers. Bonuses are paid to veterans of all wars since WWI. There are two independent Soldiers' Homes in the Commonwealth.

The Veterans' Agents/VSO's are available to anyone seeking information or assistance in the area of veterans' benefits and services and can always be reached at their city or town halls. All citizens are

encouraged to meet their local Veterans' Agents and learn about veterans' programs.

Our locally based veterans' assistance program is unlike that of any other in the nation and the envy of many other states. Listen to your V.S.O and not your friends, neighbors or other veterans who think they know the law on receiving benefits. The agent V.S.O. sends your request for benefits to Veterans' Services in Boston, Payment of benefits are made only when authorized to do so. Always apply, and if not satisfied with the finding of your local agent then appeal the case to the Veterans' Services Office in Boston. They always have the final say. Veterans' Services Massachusetts are the authorizers for this program.

When requesting monies to operate this program we must remember that our obligation is to those who have paid the price for our freedom. Each and every one of us who live in this country has or had someone of his or her family who served during a war period, we were required by law to serve before. We now are on a volunteer basis serving and ready to die for this freedom.

I hope I have helped all to understand the importance and purpose of this program.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald E. Costa  
Director/Agent of Veteran's Services

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' GRAVE REGISTRATION OFFICER**

I herewith submit my report for 2007 as Veterans' Graves Registration Officer.

Upkeep Outlying Private Cemeteries	\$ 820.00
Large Flags, U.S. & POW/MIA Graves	
Flags, Grave Flag Holders	\$ 1,388.00
Transportation, Graves Officer	\$ 256.00
Supplies, Office/Groundskeeping, Bugler Services& Flowers	\$ 293.00

The Veterans' Graves Department provides numerous services assisting veterans, widows and dependents in need. Monuments are provided for veteran's graves and final arrangements are made including burial in National Cemeteries. We in Westport are fortunate enough to have our own burial plots free of charge to our Veterans and their spouse. No reservations are made but Veterans should first have their separation papers on file at the town Veterans' Office and should make arrangements with their Funeral Director notifying him of their wishes to be buried at the Town Veterans' Burial Plot. You must be a resident at time of death, have been born and entered the services from Westport at time of entry. All this information is recorded on your separation papers and that is why it is important to have them recorded at the Westport Veterans' Office.

On behalf of the Veterans' Graves and Memorial Department, I would like to thank our four Veterans' organizations and Auxiliaries. Without their support, many of my services would not be possible. I would like to thank the Westport V.V.A. Chapter #207 for being present and providing the Honor Guard and Firing Squad at all our ceremonies and burials. I would also wish to thank the Boy Scouts in Westport for helping decorate the graves on Memorial Day and for their decorations at Christmas time at the Memorials throughout the town. I also wish to thank the Girl Scouts for their participation in our community events and their part in providing a Christmas Party for our elder Veterans or their widows at the State Road Housing Property.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Costa  
Veterans' Graves Registration Officer

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS**

I herewith submit my report as Service Officer for the Veterans' Organizations located in the Town of Westport for the year 2007.

Through the combined efforts of our three organizations located at the Legion Hall, A.L. Post #145, D.A.V. Chapter #118 and V.V.A. Chapter #207 the following improvements were made.

Most all planned improvements have been made. The fundraisers have been successful and the hall has been remodeled. Next will be the restoration of the second floor of the hall. This is the original schoolhouse that was moved from across the street to its present location. A committee has been formed to work on this project. We now have a baseball team representing the Westport Legion. In their first year they made the play-offs and went to the finals. Congratulations again. The team is made up from our own talented ballplayers in the Westport area. This year the Maynard's, (George and Rita) restored the annual Legion Christmas party. The Children had a great time and Santa brought many gifts. It looked like some of the adults also enjoyed themselves. Thanks to all who helped and donated to this event.

Officers and members of VFW Post # 8502 continue with their support to children activities. They support a little league baseball and basketball team as well as put on activities at Christmas. They have a scholarship program and promote other school and children activities that help to educate our children. They meet on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and Chef Willie provides them with a class breakfast.

The DAV Chapter #118 donated scholarships to our children and a large flag to Greenwood Terrace. We also donated flags to the Town Hall and Latessa Square. This unit is not as active as the others due to the age and the disabilities of the veterans. The membership is getting smaller but we are still alive. We had meetings monthly and picked a place to socialize. It works if you have the time. We now need a member to plan events. Our organizer, Joan Fuller, passed away this year, a great loss to family and friends.

Our V.V.A. Chapter #207 continues to support the Community with its Honor Guard. They have participated in over 1,650 ceremonies in our community. With their Fathers Day and Sweetheart fund raising breakfasts, they contributed two scholarships this past year to local children. We wish to thank all that have remembered our Veterans throughout the year. To the Auxiliaries for their fine work, to the community for their support at all times, and to all the children that donated cans for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

This year a special thank you will go to W/O James Girard, Sgt James (Jamie) LaFlame, SSgt. Jim Valley and all the members of the 215<sup>th</sup> Army National Guard Band that I had the honor of working with setting up their participation in the Memorial Day Parade. They were great and the Town and Veterans were thrilled with them being here. We hope to see and hear from them again. Thanks to Motor Sgt. Raposo for his help in making this all possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Costs  
Veterans' Service Officer

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT CULTURAL COUNCIL**



The Westport Cultural Council hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 2007. The council is comprised of five members. They are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Barbara Bates	Helen Ellis Charitable Trust	June 2009
George Cataldo		June 2008
Elizabeth Collins	Treasurer	September 2009
Elaine Ostroff	Chair	June 2008
Carol Vidal	Secretary	June 2010

The Westport Cultural Council administered two grant programs during the year 2007, with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and from the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust, administered by the Bank of America. Following are the awards made under each program, their recipients, the program that was funded and the amount.

Massachusetts Cultural Council: \$4,145 to ten organizations and or individuals for partial or full funding of their programs:

Artworks! at Dover Street	Teen Artist Internship Program	\$500
Richard Clark	Shakespeare, Lunatic, Lover and Poet at COA	\$300
Jane Dufault	Toe Jam Puppet Band, Macomber School	\$420
Greater Tiverton Community Chorus	Three Choral Concerts in Westport	\$400
Claude Ledoux	Continuing Development, Westport Matters Website	\$500
Mass Audubon	Junior Bird Club	\$250
Jacqueline Pinheiro	Lore of the Lady Bug Social Day Care, COA	\$475
Westport Elementary School	Fourth Grade Trip to RISD Museum	\$800
Westport Free Public Library	Earth Celebrations, Story Telling "Why the Sea is Salty"	\$250
Westport Historical Society	Purchase of Mercy E. Baker, Mary H. Brown paintings	\$250

The Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust awards provided \$ 20,978.00 to the following 18 organizations and individuals for full or partial funding of their programs:

Concerts at the Point	Performances in Westport Community Schools	\$1,500
Concerts at the Point	Adaskin String Trio with Sally Pinkas, piano	\$1,000
Macomber Primary School	2 Theatrical Performances for Kindergartners	\$1,350
Melissa Pacheco	Scattering Garden at Beech Grove Cemetery	\$2,388
Abigail Smith	Concert Series for Seniors in Westport	\$550
Lloyd Center on the Environment	Feathery Focus Curriculum, Westport 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	\$2,000
Meriz Landscaping, Inc	Landscaping at three BenchMark locations	\$1,865
Westport Arts Council	Website Maintenance	\$990
Westport Arts Council	Helen Ellis BenchMark, Partners Village Store	\$2,700
Westport Art Group	Weave a Web of Wonder, Scholarships for Summer Workshop	\$600
Westport Art Group	Exhibit Panels	\$500
Westport Council on Aging	Music for All Ages	\$600
Westport Council on Aging		
Poetry Workshop	Town wide Series and Publication	\$1,400
Westport Free Public Library	Halloween Safety with the Dancing Cop	\$345
Westport Grange	Farmer's Market Promotional Materials	\$1,200
Westport Historical Commission	Cemetery Identification Group, Database Software	\$500
Westport Historical Society	Westport History Web Exhibit	\$1,000
Westport Middle School	School-wide Assemblies, Story Teller	\$750

In January 2007 the Board of Selectmen approved the change of name from the Westport Arts Council to the Westport Cultural Council. The name change reflects the broader mission of the council as well as aligning

with other local Cultural Councils statewide.

The Cultural Council completed the first phase of its efforts to encourage pedestrian safety in Central Village with the 2007 installation of the BenchMarks in five Central Village locations. Dedication events were held to honor several of the individuals for whom the BenchMarks were named. The locations of the BenchMarks are: BenchMarks at the Westport Friends Meeting House in honor of the Kirkaldy Family; BenchMark at Partners Village Store dedicated to Helen E. Ellis; BenchMark at the Playground in memory of Laura Donaldson Sample; Benchmarks at Westport Town Hall, East Bench in honor of Charles E. Costa, West Bench in memory of Earl Ostroff; BenchMarks at Village Way, East Bench, compliments of Westport Village Apartments and West Bench in honor of Ralph and Calla Guild. Private fundraising contributed over \$44,000 to cover the costs of the design competition, construction, and installation.

To celebrate the installations, an appreciation event was held on November 7, 2007. Anita Walker, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Karen Hibbert, Vice President of the Bank of America, and Manager of the Helen E. Ellis Charitable Trust attended the event in Lees Community Room that honored the hundreds of people, businesses and organizations who contributed time, money and services to support Designing the Village. A commemorative brochure listing all the contributors was distributed, and a sign that now hangs in Town Hall was presented to Veronica Beaulieu, Chairperson, Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Ostroff  
Chair

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

The following is a report of the Westport Housing Rehabilitation Program for the year ending December 31, 2007.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program was able to assist twenty families throughout the year under direction of Program Manager Nelia Williams with the assistance of Wilma Woodruff, Housing Specialist Robert Maltais, and Consultant Sharon Gay. Town Administrator Charlene Wood and Michael Coughlin continued to oversee the program. While many building code violations were addressed, there were also six septic systems brought to Title V compliance. All rehabilitated units are counted towards our affordable housing inventory. At the end of the FY04 grant there were approximately twenty-six families still on the waiting list. A total of \$226,226.00 was spent on construction / Title V costs for the year 2006. Total funds utilized in Betterment and USDA was \$13,139.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelia Williams  
Grant Program Manager

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WESTPORT PUBLIC ACCESS TELEVISION**

The following is a report of the Westport Public Access Television for the year ending December 31, 2007.

WACC 17 is the Town of Westport's Public Access Channel on Channel 17. It is offered free of charge for

residents to air programs that they have produced. Any Town resident can take advantage of the services regardless of cable television subscription. Cameras and editing facilities are available for use. We have several people who currently use the equipment and airtime on a regular basis.

In addition to the facilities at the Town Hall Annex, we maintain a second studio at the American Legion Hall, 489 Sanford Rd., Westport, MA. Our purpose is to train Town residents how to use the production facilities and assist them in getting their shows to the viewers to foster town pride. Topics range from entertainment, arts, culture, local history and human interest.

Our bulletin board features community notices from area non-profit organizations, and other messages of interest to the community. This past year it was used extensively by area organizations, as well as Town Departments to inform the public about events and notices. Messages to be posted can be sent to us by mail, fax or e-mail.

The last two years have brought many changes to the Public Access Channel. Much equipment has been added in order to increase programming. There are currently more than 70 hours of programming a week. Programming runs usually from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm, 7 days a week. Each show runs several times to allow for our viewers to watch the shows at their convenience. Program listings are now posted weekly on the Town's Website and the Chronicle Newspaper in addition to listings on the Community Bulletin Board. To keep residents informed of our programming, several newsletters were printed in 2007 and a brochure was published.

### Channel 15

Channel 15 is the Town's Government Access Channel. We currently air the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Finance Committee and the Westport Historical Commission meetings on a regular basis. Other special programs and forums are also recorded and broadcast. The production quality of the governmental meeting programs were improved by incorporating multiple cameras and microphones.

To find out more, contact us by any of the following ways.

**Phone/Fax (508) 636-1038**

**Address:** Town Hall Annex  
856 Main Road  
Westport, MA, 02790

**E-Mail: [Cable@Westport-MA.gov](mailto:Cable@Westport-MA.gov)**

**Hours:** 9:30 am – 12:00 pm Monday – Friday  
Other times by appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Bain  
Public Access Coordinator

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WHARFINGER**

The following is the Wharfinger's report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Revenue generated into the Enterprise Fund from the 31 commercial fishing vessels that tie at Town Dock was \$24,124.80. Electric used paid for by the boat owners in those slips was \$4,935. This year I paid \$10,000 back to the Town as payment for the wharf project payback. The total bill of \$150,000 will be completed around FY13. I would like to see more security surveillance at the Wharf and hope to expand the number of cameras to better serve the boat owners in the next year. There was work done to the boat ramp, which improved it greatly. I would like to take this time to give a special thanks to Richard Hart for the work he did with the Highway Department on the boat ramp. It came out nice and should last a long time. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sherman  
Wharfinger

Representative Michael Rodrigues' Bonfire at Horseneck Beach  
Before Fireworks Display Provided by Lees Supermarket

**Annual Report**

**of the**

**WESTPORT COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS**

**All Schools & Departments**

**2006-2007**

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**Westport School Committee**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Julia Bernert	50 Cross Road	2008
Robert Kowalczyk	387 Tickle Road	2008
Sally Huntington, Chair	275 Division Road	2009
Kelley Cooper, Vice Chair	97 D Drive	2009
Russell Kleber	544 Main Road	2010

Regular School Committee meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and are open to the public. The School Administration Offices are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year and 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during school vacations.

Admission into school involves consideration of both chronological age and readiness to approach the challenge of a school program. The School Committee has established the following chronological minimum age requirements for entry into school:

- Children who will be three years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter the pre-school program;
- Children who will be five years of age on or before September 1 of the school year during which they wish to enroll will be eligible to enter kindergarten in September;
- Children who will be six years of age before January 1 of the school year will be considered for entry into grade one in September.

Transfer students from private and/or public kindergarten programs who have completed less than three months in a kindergarten setting will be required to follow the same entrance criteria.

### **2006-2007 School Attending Children January 2007**

Grade	Westport Community Schools	Private Schools Parochial Schools	Charter Schools Vocational Schools Agricultural Schools Other Schools	Public	Home Schooled Tuition Placements Collaborative Schools	TOTAL
<b>Alice Macomber School</b>						
Pre-Kindergarten	120	23	1		0	144
Kindergarten	132	27	1		0	160
Total	252	50	2		0	304
<b>Westport Elementary School</b>						
Grade 1	125	36	2		0	163
Grade 2	126	23	1		0	150
Grade 3	127	37	2		0	166
Grade 4	146	28	1		2	177
Total	524	124	6		2	656
<b>Westport Middle School</b>						
Grade 5	158	27	4		1	190

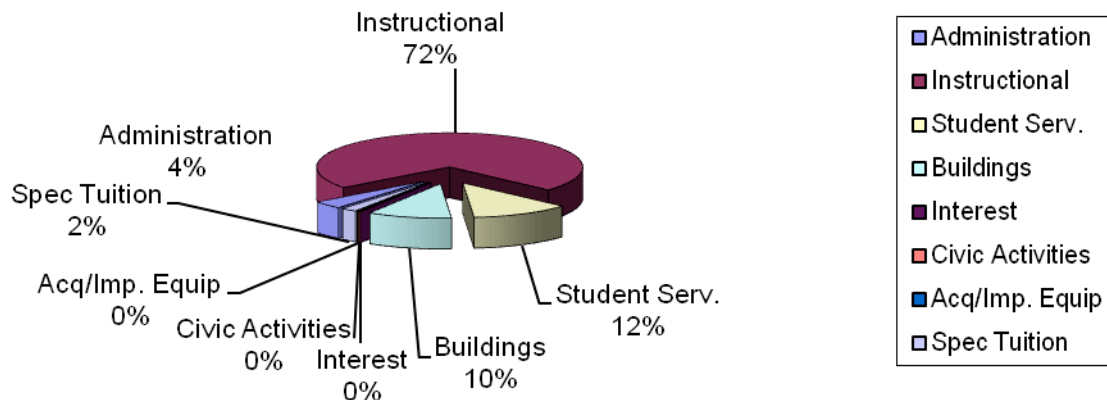
Grade 6	149	32	3	2	186
Grade 7	171	23	2	1	197
Grade 8	180	35	3	2	220
Total	658	117	12	6	793
Westport High School					
Grade 9	159	27	25	1	212
Grade 10	142	30	22	2	196
Grade 11	95	41	27	1	164
Grade 12	106	37	27	2	172
Total	502	135	101	6	744
TOTAL	1936	426	121	14	2,497

## FISCAL 2007 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

	FY 07 Expended
<b><u>Expenses by School Committee</u></b>	
1000 Administration	498,141
2000 Instructional	9,966,313
3000 Student Services	1,654,423
4000 Buildings	1,408,295
5000 Interest	0
6000 Civic Activities	32,747
7000 Acquisition/Improvement Equip.	18,000
9000 Special Needs Tuition	<u>261,599</u>
<b>Total School Committee Appropriation</b>	<b>13,839,518</b>



### School Committee Spending



### **Expenses by Town Hall**

1000 Administration	146,311
3600 Security	0
4000 Highway Department	2,998
5100 Employee Benefits	413,883
5200 Insurance	1,567,722
5450 Short Term Interest	0
7350 Capital Technology	0
8000 School Bond	383,850
9100 Tuition – School Choice	8,180
9120 Tuition – Charter Schools	135,139
9500 Regional Schools	780,160

**Total Expenses by Town Hall**

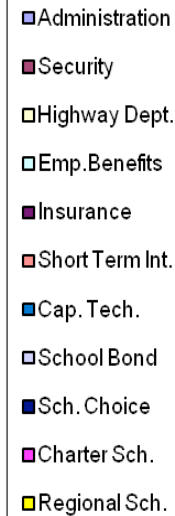
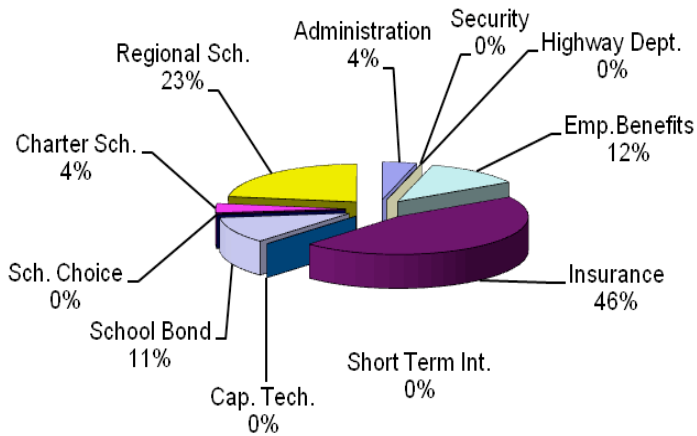
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**Total Town/School Expenses**

**\$17,277,761**



### **Town Expenses in Support of Schools**





**Federal & State Revenues**  
**2006-2007**

<b>Federal Grants</b>	<b>Revenue Awarded</b>
SPED 94-142 Evaluation & Therapy	382,024
SPED Prof. Development & Training	16,574
SPED Early Childhood	17,191
Title V	2,593
Title II - Enhanced Education	2,457
Title I	168,342
Title I CarryOver	1,967
Middle School Reading	22,680
Title II - Teacher Quality	66,606
SPED Corrective Action	7,560
<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>687,994</b>
<b>State Grants</b>	<b>Revenue Awarded</b>
Academic Support Serv. Spring	3,700
Academic Support Services - SY	8,700
Alternative Education Program	59,650
Community Partnership (FR Sch)	0
Mental Health Proj. (FR Sch)	0
Full Day Kindergarten	74,700
<b>Total State Grants</b>	<b>146,750</b>
<b>Total Federal &amp; State Grants</b>	<b>834,744</b>

**Revolving Account Balances**  
**As of December 1, 2007**

School Day Care Revolving	45,020
Use of School Property Revolving	3,636
Reimbursement Lost Supplies/Materials Revolving	4,528
Student Athletic & Activities Revolving	36,727
Adult & Continuing Ed./Community School Revolving	12,563
Insurance Claims Revolving	0
School Choice Revolving	23,938
Scholarship Revolving	7,650
Telephone E-Rate Revolving	8,288
Transportation Reimbursement Revolving	37,656
<b>Total Revolving Accounts</b>	<b>180,006</b>

# **Alice A. Macomber Primary School**

**Paula Sullivan, Principal**

**Compiled by: Susan Wilkinson, Principal**

**2006 - 2007**

## **General Statement**

We all share in the ongoing investment to ensure that our children successfully meet educational standards in the early grades. Essential in a good plan is providing, facilitating, and initiating meaningful and authentic opportunities and experiences to help children understand the world in which they live and grow. Young children learn best through active participation and experience. High-quality early childhood education is not just an ideal; it's an essential investment. Missed opportunities can put children behind and create barriers to achievement that can last through high school.

Giving children the right start greatly enhances their opportunities to succeed. Strong early learning leads to less remediation throughout the education system, which benefits students and families during the children's school years and beyond. Well-designed, high quality programs can support the development of higher level thinking skills that help children learn how to learn.

The attainment of these goals has been under the able direction of Principal Paula Sullivan for the past 14 years. Mrs. Sullivan retired from service at the conclusion of the 2006-07 school year.

## **School Programs**

All preschool and kindergarten classes are located at the Macomber Primary School, 154 Gifford Road, Westport. The Macomber School houses seven full-day kindergarten classrooms and nine sessions of preschool. An additional kindergarten classroom was added for 2006-07 to reduce class sizes. All classrooms are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Children at the Macomber School are allowed to be successful with classroom experiences geared to their natural level of development. Macomber is a school that specifically accommodates the full range of abilities of young children. The use of a developmentally appropriate curriculum, as well as learning materials specifically geared to this age group, allows children to reach their greatest potential. This approach is consistent with the fundamentals of child development and emphasizes the belief that all children can learn.

Parents may enroll their children in the preschool program for two, three, or five half-day sessions a week. A sliding-fee scale for the preschool is available as one of our Early Childhood initiatives. Children identified with special needs are entitled to attend the program free of charge, and programs are developed to meet the individual needs of each child. The school budget and Community Partnerships for Children Grant #391, plus tuition fees, support the preschool program.

Full-day kindergarten has been in place since FY 2000 and continues to be a positive and welcoming environment for our young students. There is one Title I expansion model classroom which enhances the kindergarten options offered at the Early Childhood Center. The focus of the Title I classroom is to look at how class size affects learning for at-risk students. Enrollment in the Title I classroom was limited to 12 students (10% of the total population). This year the kindergarten program had an average of 131 students enrolled. The school budget and Department of Education Grant #701 and Title I funds collectively support expenses for full-day kindergarten.

Daily lessons and school-wide activities for the preschool and kindergarten programs are developed to meet the criteria and benchmarks set forth by the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks standards and support the NAEYC guidelines. The content of the curriculum reflects a balance of all areas of learning offered in an

integrated manner and reflects the holistic nature of how young children learn and develop.

### Parents and Community

Connections with local partners provide our community schools with a rich and continuous source of service and support. The Macomber Primary School attempts to promote partnerships and increase parent participation in many ways, which include: encouraging parents to volunteer time at school; supporting an active PTO; and participating as an active member of the School Council. Our outreach efforts continue to explore the expansion of our partnerships with community based organizations that currently include Bristol Community College, Fall River Public Schools' Early Childhood Services, the Fall River Head Start and Early Intervention Programs, Westport High School's internship program, Lees Supermarket, and the Westport Police and Fire Departments.

Outreach efforts during the 2006-07 year included a series of parent workshops, evening events, and programs that encouraged the participation of extended family members and friends. Efforts in this area have intensified throughout the years and will continue to be a goal in the future. All staff members have been instrumental in building a school climate that is inviting to parents and community members.

### Curriculum and Instruction

High-quality programs, such as the one provided at the Macomber School, provide learning experiences that keep instruction grounded in children's interests and are developed around themes that unite learning in several disciplines. Teaching strategies at the Macomber School reflect the knowledge that young children are active learners, drawing on direct physical and social experiences to construct their understanding of the world around them.

Children's approaches to learning – their curiosity, motivation to learn, and pride in accomplishments—are keys to success in school achievement and beyond. The goal of the Early Childhood Team has been to develop instructional and non-instructional activities that will provide a nurturing and supportive school experience for the young learners in our care. Students are currently using a reading and math series based on the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks published by the Scott Foresman Company. These curriculum materials are used from Kindergarten through the sixth grade. This curriculum source gives staff and students access to the most current materials and provides continuity of instruction through the grades. At the Macomber School a curriculum committee made up of teachers from both the Macomber and Westport Elementary Schools, and their administrators, meets monthly to discuss curriculum, transition, and supportive initiatives. The aim of the committee is to offer a child-centered learning environment with a curriculum that is both age-appropriate and individually appropriate. Additional technology equipment, including hardware and software, was purchased again this year to support curriculum instruction. Additional classroom furniture, manipulatives, books, and classroom supplies also were purchased through grant funds during the FY07 school year.

### Success Indicators

The Macomber Primary School continues to hold National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation. The NAEYC is the nation's oldest and largest organization of early childhood professionals dedicated to improvement of quality early childhood education. NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous process by which early childhood programs demonstrate that they meet national standards of excellence. Approximately 7% of all early childhood programs in the United States meet this level of program quality. The Macomber Primary School has held this accreditation since 1993 and we will be undergoing recertification during the 2007-2008 school year.

Professional development opportunities for staff at both the school level and at the system level were successfully planned and implemented. As a result, grade-level teams, as well as cross-grade-level teams developed lessons that meet NAEYC standards and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks objectives. These lessons have provided students with access to high-quality instruction and have been instrumental in improving students' success rates.

## Extracurricular Programs

Lees Supermarket monthly events, PTO sponsored events, and various weekend and/or evening special events were offered throughout the year.

## Facilities

Through a program of regular and thorough maintenance, the Macomber School is in excellent condition. Renovations and improvements were made to both the inside and outside of the building. Examples include the replacement of two classroom floors, and additional signage throughout the building. Some special donations of time and materials for ongoing projects allowed us to maximize available dollars for the day-to-day operation of the school. A sculpture depicting a tooth fairy was added to the school's collection. The sculpture was carved by environmental artist, Michael Higgins, and was made possible through PTO funds.

## Closing Statement

Although each of the four schools is different, we share a number of program features that support Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks objectives. We have worked at developing clear benchmarks that indicate where we are on the road to success for each and every student. At the Macomber Primary School, goals are to maintain and enhance educational quality; to continue positive momentum and enhance public relations; to create greater academic and co-curricular opportunities for students; and to continue to obtain alternative funding sources. The staff at the Macomber School is looking forward to providing even more high-quality early childhood programs that will meet a wide range of student and family needs. Curriculum activities will continue to be soundly based in the Massachusetts State Frameworks and NAEYC standards. Staff will continue to strive to develop curriculum and lessons based on the following nine key areas that align with the National Board Teacher Certification standards:

- Understanding young children
- Equity, fairness, and diversity
- Assessment
- Promoting child development and learning
- Knowledge of integrated curriculum
- Multiple teaching strategies for meaningful learning
- Family and community partnerships
- Professional practice

We know that children want to learn. We know that each and every child is capable of learning. We know that growing and learning and aspiring require support and encouragement in the early years. The challenges now facing the early childhood community are immense, yet we cannot allow these obstacles to deter us in our advocacy on behalf of young children and families. Making our vision a reality requires commitment through partnerships among all stakeholders. Now is the time to join forces and advocate for policies and financial investments that will lead to excellence in early childhood education programs that are available and accessible to all children and families.



**WESTPORT ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**  
Alec Ciminello, Principal  
2006 - 2007

### General Statement

Westport Elementary School has always put student success and academic achievement at the forefront and cornerstone of each change and initiative. Again this year, we have assessed our ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) and MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) results and used them to evaluate curriculum and student achievement. From these results, the Elementary School has mapped out an action plan for improved student success on a class-by-class basis. As a school, we remain committed to the belief that all children can achieve success.

The population of the Elementary School is as follows (six classrooms per grade):

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	61	65	126
2	59	66	125
3	65	61	126
4	68	80	148
School Total	253	272	525

During this school year, in compliance with the district's wellness policy, the elementary school instituted holding recess before lunch. This was widely accepted by parents and students, with a positive impact on student productivity during afternoon instruction.

### Student Achievement

#### **I. ITBS Test Results**

The ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) was given to each student grades 1-4 in September 2006. The results were as follows:

	Total Reading Scores given as grade level average	Total Mathematics Scores given as grade level average
Grade 1	Grade 1 did not take ITBS	Grade 1 did not take ITBS
Grade 2	2.6	2.2
Grade 3	3.6	3.3
Grade 4	5.2	4.9

## II. MCAS Test Results

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System was given to students in grades 3 and 4. Grade 3 completed a Reading test, while grade 4 completed batteries in English Language Arts (including long composition), and Mathematics. The tests will help the school assess growth during the next school year and the effectiveness of the district curriculum.

<u>Grade 3</u>	Reading	2006-2007
	Proficient	56%
	Needs Improvement	37%
	Warning	7%
Grade 4	English Language Arts	2006-2007
	Advanced	9%
	Proficient	49%
	Needs Improvement	37%
	Warning	5%
Grade 3	Mathematics	2006-2007
	Advanced	7%
	Proficient	45%
	Needs Improvement	33%
	Warning	16%
Grade 4	Mathematics	2006-2007
	Advanced	18%
	Proficient	30%
	Needs Improvement	45%
	Warning	8%

Westport's performance falls far short of our expectations. With such high state standards, we will continue to modify instruction so that students are better able to use their critical thinking skills and not rely on mere rote or memorization.

To assist in this effort, staffing includes both a reading and a math specialist, as well as a reading intervention teacher. Westport Elementary School has increased the expectations on student writing through professional development and teacher directed curriculum modification. The Westport Elementary School remains committed to providing the most up-to-date techniques and training that will prepare our students for success.

Finally, it is important to understand that any standardize testing instrument is not the sole measure of student performance. Rather, performance should be tied to a sound district and school assessment program that recognizes strengths and weaknesses in our local curriculum and provides ways to improve.

## Curriculum

Curriculum is at the forefront of all school improvement. We have spent many hours examining and adjusting our teaching curriculum to more effectively deliver the Massachusetts Frameworks. By working with a new series in both reading and mathematics, the elementary school is looking towards better alignment between the state's frameworks and the school's curriculum. They included the following:

- Language Arts: Scott Foresman
- Mathematics: Scott Foresman
- Spelling: Zaner Bloser
- Science: McGraw Hill
- Social Studies: McGraw Hill

### Closing

Westport Elementary School will continue to strive for excellence in the coming years. We will continue to develop programs to increase student performance on standardized tests and classroom performance.

# **WESTPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**James Gibney, Principal**  
**2006 - 2007**

## General Statement

We were fortunate once again to have an outstanding academic year at Westport Middle School. Our students participated in several worthwhile academic activities including the Massasoit League Spelling Bee and the Southeastern Massachusetts Geography Fair held at Bridgewater State College in the fall. Our eighth grade class continues to visit and participate in the Science program offered at the Christa McAuliffe Space Center at Framingham State College. Our entire seventh grade went to see a Christmas Carol at the Trinity Repertory Company and our entire eighth grade had the opportunity to participate in the encore program at the Zeiterion Theater. Our Spelling Team came in second out of ten Southeastern Massachusetts Middle School teams during the Spelling Bee Competition. Also, several of our students took first place honors at the Geography Fair. We saw a significant increase in several of our MCAS scores at most grade levels especially in the area of mathematics. Our individual student achievement scores on the IOWA test also increased over last year's scores. Our overall IOWA tests increased at all grade levels.

## Enrollment

As of June 1, 2007, the enrollment at the Westport Middle School was approximately 660 students. Our average class size in grades 5 thru 8 ranged from 25-31 students. The enrollment by grade level was as follows: Grade 5, 156; Grade 6, 151; Grade 7, 173; and Grade 8, 180.

## Staffing

The staff of the Westport Middle School included the following: one (1) principal, one (1) assistant principal, two (2) guidance counselors, one (1) nurse, three (3) full-time office staff, forty-three (43) classroom teachers (includes regular education and special education teachers), one (1) library media specialist, one part-time (0.6) speech therapist, four (4) paraprofessionals, three (3) teaching assistants, and one (1) campus supervisor.

## Curriculum

Our staff worked long and hard on developing completely new curriculums in the following academic areas: Daily Writing and Grammar, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Social Studies. These curriculums have been published and continue to be implemented at all grade levels during the 2006-2007 school year. This has been an undertaking that has lasted four years and will greatly benefit each and every student attending Westport Middle School. It will also be an effective reference and resource guide for all teachers as they match this new curriculum with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the curriculum staff that has been hired by Superintendent Dr. Linda L. Galton and the Westport School Committee.

We continue to offer our students relevant and informative assemblies on an ongoing basis in the following areas: Theatre arts, anti-tobacco issues, health programs, bullying programs, substance abuse, anger management, storytelling, poetry, etc. We thank the Westport Arts Lottery Council, The Concerts at the Point Group, and the Westport Middle School Association for continuing to provide funding for these worthwhile activities that have been a great benefit to all of our students.



## After School and Other Student Activities

Students were able to participate in an exciting after school program during the 2006-2007 school year. The following after school activities were offered during the school year:

Art Club	Soccer
Baseball	Science Club
Boys' and Girls' Basketball	Softball
Choral Club	Spelling Club
Collectors' Club	Stage Band
Drama Club	Student Council
Field Hockey	Volleyball
Homework Club	Yearbook
National Junior Honor Society	Whiffle Ball

In addition to the after school activities, we have continued the house competition between the students of the green, purple, and red houses. The culmination of this competition was an extensive student activities day including a movie, dance, and pizza party that was provided to the purple house students in June. These activities were made possible through the School Climate Committee that was established by a group of staff members who volunteered to develop and implement activities to promote school spirit and social opportunities for our students. We also implemented our 5th Annual Field Day, which has quickly become the most popular one-day program for the entire student body. We also reinstituted an annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. for the third time in twelve years. Over the Memorial Day weekend, ninety-six students and sixteen chaperones visited various educational points of interest in our nation's capitol and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We thank the Westport Middle School Association for their generous donation towards the cost of this trip, and Superintendent Dr. Linda L. Galton and the Westport School Committee for allowing this trip to take place.

## Parents and Community

We are fortunate here at Westport Middle School to have an outstanding parent group called the Westport Middle School Association. During the past school year, they assisted us in raising funds to provide social and cultural activities above and beyond the normal curriculum to ensure that our students received every educational opportunity available to them. They also volunteered in classrooms, the media center, and other areas of the school. The Westport Middle School Association also sponsored assemblies related to educational issues. Our thanks and congratulations to our entire parent group for a job well done.

The Westport Middle School Association, in conjunction with members from the community, sponsored the 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast. More than 275 people attended this function, which brought the entire community together. Our Art club exhibited student art work at this breakfast and the WMSA also sponsored a used book sale.

Finally, we commend and thank the 15 members of the School Improvement Council, who spent many hours developing a comprehensive School Improvement Plan that has been accepted by Superintendent Dr. Linda L. Galton and the School Committee. The components of this plan will continue to be implemented during the 2007-2008 school year. Our most significant accomplishment was the implementation of our curriculum guides and the proposed development of a grade 8 Career Education Program.

## Physical Plant Facility

The Westport Community Schools provides each of its school facilities with an outstanding custodial/maintenance program. An ongoing program to ensure that our students and staff have a safe and clean learning environment continues to be of great pride to our school system. Every custodial and maintenance need that was recognized during the school year has been addressed. No doubt the Westport Middle School is one of the cleanest and best maintained middle schools in Southeastern Massachusetts. We thank Superintendent Galton, the Westport School Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Westport residents for the new lights and floor tile that have been installed in our hallways and the

window screens that have been installed in some of the classrooms located in the southeast section of our first floor. We also commend the Dianne B. Snyder Memorial Fund for their fundraising effort, which has resulted in a completely renovated and updated tennis complex on Westport Middle School property. It will be used for years to come by the entire Westport community.

### Closing Statement

The entire Westport Community can take pride in the educational program offered to its youth at Westport Middle School. The achievement that these students exhibit continues to be positive and is heading in the right direction. There are still academic areas that need improvement. With the assistance of parents, community, newly hired curriculum specialists and particularly students, the staff of the Westport Middle School has committed itself to establish excellence in education and a truly outstanding educational program for the citizens of Westport. By working together we can meet this goal during the 2007-2008 school year.

**WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Cheryl Tutalo, Principal**  
**2006 - 2007**

### Opening Statement

The faculty and staff of Westport High School used the 2006-07 school year to strengthen and expand several initiatives to support teaching and learning. Twelve teachers participated in an Action Research Project, an extension of the work with the Secondary Schools Reading Grant. As a result of our commitment to that grant and our continued growth in the area of literacy, a team of teachers was asked to present at the state wide Network Meeting on April 25, 2007.

As we strive to improve student achievement, the concept of teachers making their thinking visible to students was the focus of our professional development. On February 16, 2007, several teachers modeled lessons for colleagues to illustrate strategies that are working in their classrooms.

The revision of the school wide rubric for citizenship and the introduction of the school wide reading rubric refined the process by which we measure and communicate students' achievement of the Expectations for Student Learning at WHS.

Twenty-four seniors qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. This scholarship, which recognizes high academic achievement on the MCAS tests, entitles the student to four years of free tuition at a University of Massachusetts state or community college.

We continue to increase the number of students successfully completing the MCAS tests in English and Math. Spring 2007 results show that 88% of grade 10 students passed the tests on their first attempt, compared to 85% statewide. This was a 3% increase from the previous year.

### School Program

The student enrollment was 502. This consisted of 104 senior, 96 juniors, 143 sophomores and 159 freshmen. Class size ranged from 4 to 33. Our staff consisted of 42 classroom teachers, 1 Library/Media specialist, 4 teaching assistants, 1 para-professional, 3 clerks, 1 executive secretary, 1 campus supervisor, 1 nurse, 2 guidance counselors, 1 school adjustment counselor, 1 Director of guidance, 1 Director of Athletics/Activities, 1 Assistant Principal, and the Principal.

### Success Indicators

Ninety (90%) percent of the graduating class of 2007 indicated that they would be continuing their education. Fifty-eight (58%) percent planned to attend a four-year college; thirty-two (32%) percent will attend a two-year college. Dr. Bonny Gifford, valedictorian of the class of 1978 at Westport High School, gave the commencement address at graduation on June 10, 2007. This year's graduates received over \$64,000 in scholarships at our Awards Night on June 7, 2007. Scholarships were supported by community organizations, local businesses, and local citizens.

In addition, twenty-nine Westport High School students participated in the AP exams in May.

### Athletics

During the 2006-2007 school year, the Westport High School Athletic Department offered eleven varsity

sports, six junior varsity sports, one freshmen sport and two co-operative sport programs. Six of the eleven varsity teams earned a berth in the MIAA sponsored state tournaments. Approximately 250 student-athletes participated in these sports. Three teams were crowned Mayflower League Champions---Volleyball, Baseball, and Boys' Tennis.

On September 7, 2006 the Athletic Department held its Sixth Annual Sports Awareness Night. The program included an introduction of the Athletic Department staff, comments from our new principal, Mrs. Cheryl Tutalo, comments from guest speaker, Mr. Mitchell Pettey (WHS Class of 1977, 1992 WHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductee), and a review of the Student-Athlete Handbook. The evening was informative and well attended.

During the Fall 2006 sport season, the following sports were offered: Varsity and junior varsity field hockey, varsity golf, varsity boys' soccer, coed junior varsity soccer, and varsity and junior varsity volleyball. The highlight of the season was the crowning of our volleyball team as "Undeclared Mayflower League Champions". Congratulations Lady Wildcats and coaching staff!!! The varsity boys' soccer team narrowly missed a berth in the state tournament. Our golf team had one player qualify for the individual state golf tournament. The field hockey team continued to show improvement. The fall season concluded with the Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the WHS Athletic Booster Club in mid-November. During the awards ceremony, each coach highlighted their season and presented certificates of achievement to their athletes. In addition golf coach Gus Cariglia presented a token of appreciation to the Acoaxet Country Club and to Mr. Don Beck (Acoaxet Club manager) for their 25 years of hosting our golf team. It should also be noted that the Third Annual Diane B. Snyder Memorial Tennis Tournament was held at the Acoaxet Club. Proceeds from this fundraiser were used to help defray the cost of installing lights at the tennis courts located near the Westport Middle School. It was a memorable evening for all!

During the 2006-2007 winter sports season, the following sports were offered: varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen boys' basketball; varsity and junior varsity girls' basketball; varsity cheerleading; and co-operative ice hockey. Special thanks to Dartmouth High School and to our ice hockey players and parents for making this co-operative program possible. It should be noted that the co-operative ice hockey team consisted of six Westport High School students. The team earned a berth in the MIAA state tournament for the first time in six years. Good Job! In addition, our freshmen boys' basketball parents and WHS Athletic Booster Club should be commended for raising the funds needed to support this program.

The freshmen team and coaches should be praised for compiling an overall record of 17 wins and one loss. This season saw the departure of veteran varsity and junior varsity boys' basketball coaches Tim Plante and John Brennan and the arrival of Scot Boudria and Arthur Goyette, Jr. respectively. Under Coach Goyette, the junior varsity boys amassed an overall record of 18 wins and 3 losses. Varsity Coach Boudria guided his team into the finals of the south sectional state tournament by defeating Holbrook, Nantucket, and Avon High Schools. The boys were defeated by Cathedral High in the final round. Thank you coaches for an incredible "rookie" debut!

The girls' basketball team compiled an overall record of 19 wins and 6 losses during their season. During the state tournament they defeated Cathedral and South Shore High Schools, but lost to Sacred Heart in the semi-final round of the section. Thank you, Lady Wildcats, Coach Glenn Lincoln and Coach Celia da Luz for another great season!

Both teams were fortunate to have our Lady Wildcat Cheerleaders and Coach Carol Sunderland as their "unofficial sixth player." Their pride and spirit is noteworthy! Thanks for a job well done.

The season concluded with the Winter Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the WHS Athletic Booster Club. Athletes were presented certificates of achievement by their coaches, who also highlighted their season. This was a great night for all in attendance.

It should be noted that Krystal McConnell and Jennifer Farias represented Westport High School at the annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day held at Fanueil Hall in early February. They were escorted by Assistant Coach Celia da Luz and their guardians. Special thanks to those who supported the WHS Athletic Booster Club Benefit Basketball game and the "Mr. Westport" Contest held in March. All proceeds from these fundraisers help defray athletic department expenses. Thank you! Jennifer Farias and Daniel Noonan were nominated for the Dave Cowens Achievement Award by the coaching staff. Both were

presented plaques of achievement at the annual Awards Banquet held at New Bedford Vocational High School in early March.

During the 2007 spring season, the following sports were offered: varsity and junior varsity baseball, varsity softball, varsity boys' tennis, varsity girls' tennis, and co-operative boys' lacrosse. The spring season saw three Westport High School athletes participate in the first-ever Bishop Connolly/Westport High School co-op boys' lacrosse program. Special thanks to the athletes and parents for providing the transportation and funding for this program. Thanks also to Bishop Connolly High School for hosting this sport.

In addition, this season was highlighted by three teams qualifying for post-season tournament play, by a league championship and by our first ever undefeated boys' tennis team championship. Under the guidance of Coach Kim Rego, our girls' softball team qualified for a berth in the state tournament, only to have their hopes dashed in the first round by Holliston High School. Our varsity baseball team was crowned Mayflower League Co-Champions and went on to the final round of the south section tournament by defeating Norwell and Holbrook High Schools in exciting fashion. The team lost to Bourne High School in the final round. It should be noted that Christopher Warren replaced John Brennan as assistant baseball coach and his Junior Wildcats posted a respectable record of 13 wins and 6 losses.

This season the boys' tennis team was guided by co-coaches Tom Clark and Kristy Tripp to its first ever "Undefeated Mayflower League Championship." They recorded a perfect league record of 12-0. In addition, the boys' team earned a berth in the individual and team state tennis tournaments. This season featured the return of Bill Bernier, long-time boys' tennis coach, as our girls' tennis coach, replacing veteran coach Lisa MacMaster. The girls' team worked diligently throughout the season to perfect their skills during this rebuilding season.

At the conclusion of the spring season, the WHS Athletic Booster Club treated the athletes, coaches, and parents to beverages and desserts. The Athletic Department and the WHS Administration presented its major awards. These included: MIAA fall, winter, and spring sportsmanship awards, the Joanne Charest and Christopher Cariglia Memorial Sportsmanship Awards, the John T. Hickey Scholar-Athlete Awards, and the Best-All-Around Athlete Awards. After these presentations, team meetings were held and the coaching staff presented certificates of achievement to each athlete and they highlighted their season.

In mid-May the annual Leadership Awards Banquet sponsored by the New Bedford Standard Times was held at Old Colony Regional High School. This year the Westport High School Leadership award recipients were Tyler White and Jennifer Farias. It should also be noted that the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame was revived after an eight-year absence and a banquet was held at Rachel's Lakesider on June 23, 2007. Softball Coach Kim Rego was inducted for her effort as a student-athlete in the late eighties. Retired WHS teacher and Coach Joan Carpenter, her assistant coach Glenn Lincoln, and the 1988 Sectional Softball Champions were honored, as well as WHS teacher Michael Roy. Coach Roy served as boys' basketball coach for twenty years.

Overall, the 2006-2007 school year was an exciting and memorable time for our athletes, coaches, student body, staff, and community. Our "Wildcat" teams continue to represent our school and community with class, pride, and good sportsmanship. On behalf of the Athletic Department, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the members of the WHS Athletic Booster Club for their support and financial assistance. Thanks also to the WHS student body and staff, to our parents, and to the community for their continued support!

## Student Activities

During the 2006-2007 school year, over 250 students participated in our student activities program. Our club offerings included: Student Council, National Honor Society, Newspaper Club, Drama Club, Key Club, International Exchange Club, Yearbook Club, Senior-Junior Prom Committee, and Winter Color Guard. It should also be noted that the following clubs were reinstated: Art Club, Bowling Club, Math Club, SADD, and Fitness Club. Special thanks go to the PAWHS-PTA for financing the Web Design Club. With the guidance and support of a dedicated group of advisors, our students experienced many wonderful times throughout the school year.

With the assistance of retired community members and our custodial staff, our Student Council elections were held in late September in the auditorium, utilizing the same format and ballot boxes as town voter's use.

Nearly 75% of our student body exercised their right to franchise on this day. During the school year, our students and staff participated in numerous fundraisers and events. These included: the annual spirit week and rally held in December; the annual Student Government Day held at the State House in Boston; the Homecoming and Spring Fling Dances held at White's of Westport; the Mardi Gras dance; the Senior-Junior Prom held at the Century House in Acushnet; the Festival of Giving; the Halloween Costume Dress-up Day; the Student Band concerts; the "Mild, Mild West" dinner theater; the MD Walk in memory of Matthew Reed; the Amanda Tripp Scholarship Run; the WHS Athletic Booster Club benefit basketball game; the "Mr. Westport" contest; and the annual "Day on the Green" held in early June. In addition, our students participated in a new event called "penny wars." They sold book socks, Domino's pizza cards, Dorothy Cox candy bars, "Wildcat" salsa, wristbands, towels, blankets, board games, carnations, and school spirit clothing to raise money for their respective clubs. Special thanks to those who supported these fundraisers. Your generosity was appreciated!

Due to the June 2006 retirement of long-time advisor Anthony Melli, teacher Arlyn Bottcher and Guidance Counselor Melissa Sweeney assumed the reigns of both the Key Club and the International Exchange Club. Both advisors worked diligently with their students to provide food baskets, toys, games, and clothes for needy children and families during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holiday seasons. The Westport High School student body and staff should be commended for their unselfish generosity to those in need during each of these drives. Then, in March 2007, Westport High School extended a warm welcome to our Okinawa guests. Prior to the holiday recess, the members of the Key Club went to the Schwartz Center in Dartmouth and entertained the children there by caroling.

Students were elected to serve on the regional and state Student Advisory Boards, the School Improvement Council, and the School Committee. Serving on these committees provided our students with many lifelong learning experiences. In February of 2007 fifteen students were inducted into the Westport High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. David Allen, NHS Teacher of the Year, served as guest speaker for the ceremony, delivering a powerful message about the "late bloomer" and the "achiever." Again this year the Honor Society conducted two blood drives in conjunction with the American Red Cross and Southcoast Hospital Group. In addition, members participated in the annual Walk for Hunger in Boston during the month of May. The Honor Society continued to offer free tutoring to members of the student body. The Drama Club presented two plays (*Cinderella Wore Combat Boots* and *Café Murder*) during the first week in March. Both plays were well attended and entertaining. In addition the Drama Club collaborated with the Class of 2008 and the ACT program to sponsor a dinner theater show in late April. For the tenth consecutive year the Newspaper staff took first place at the New England Scholastic Press Association Award ceremony held at Boston University in May. Our "Villager" staff also took first place in the Quill and Scroll competition. The "Villager", the "Villager Focus" and the "Literary Villager" continue to be a source of pride for our school and community. Congratulations, Mr. Proudfoot and staff. This year our yearbook staff and advisor Joan Blake, with the assistance of Taylor Publishing, again produced a full-color yearbook entitled "Footprints in Time" for all to enjoy!

This year the Indoor Color Guard decided to challenge themselves and worked on a routine that portrayed superstar Madonna. In each of their shows our ten girls worked diligently to meet this challenge. The squad and advisor Addison Katerle represented our school and community in fine fashion. Special thanks to the WHS Music Booster Club and the Color Guard parents for providing financial assistance and support to continue this program.

The Art Club provided the props for the Drama Club presentations as well as the dinner theater. The work of our talented artists is found not only in the art room and the school's cafeteria, but also in local art galleries. The Bowling Club, advised by teacher Christopher Warren, met twice per week at the Westport Holiday Lanes with his twenty students. A round robin format was enjoyed by all. Debra August returned as advisor to the Math Club. During the school year our students participated in four competitions against seven area schools. This year we hosted one math meet. Special thanks to Lees Supermarket for providing beverages, sandwiches, and desserts for this event. The Students against Destructive Decisions program (SADD) was also reinstated after a brief absence. SADD members sponsored a Grim Reaper Day in March and a Mock Accident in late May. They also educated students and staff about the harmful effects of the sun. Under the direction of Kristy Tripp, PE/Health teacher, a Fitness Club was established in late April in which our students learned how to take proper care of their body. Kevin Clark worked with his Web Design students to create a website for Westport High School thanks to the financial support of our PAWHS-PTA.

Overall, the 2006-2007 school year was an enjoyable and memorable one for our student body and staff. Special thanks to our club and class advisors for their time and dedication. In addition, the Office of Student Activities would like to thank the community for helping to make these offerings possible for our students and staff.

### Parents and Community

PAWHS, the parent association of Westport High School, enjoyed a successful first year. PAWHS invited Michelle Tremont, President of the MA-PTA to its Kick-off meeting in September. Throughout the year, several fundraisers (dinner dance, Crafts Fair, Ornament Concert, Bowl-a-thon and yard sale) raised money to support the Web Club and some field trips. PAWHS also recognized students who made the Honor Roll with a Pizza Party celebration.

Parents and the community are informed of WHS news through cable announcements and the updated web site. Parents also have the opportunity to meet with teachers and staff during informational nights and parent conferences held during the year.

Support for WHS students and activities is also evident with the Music Boosters Club and the Athletic Booster Club. Both groups continued to enhance athletics and the arts at WHS.

### Closing Statement

Students at Westport High School continue to receive the best possible education through the day-to-day efforts of the staff, parents and community. On-going fiscal support is necessary in order to maintain this level of educational and extracurricular programs.

Tony Lepore "The Dancing Policeman" During his Presentation  
of a Halloween Safety Show at the Westport Library



# DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM, TESTING, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Marjorie Condon, Director  
2006 - 2007

## Opening Statement

In 2006-07, much was done in Westport schools to improve curriculum and instruction and provide students with a high-quality education leading to academic excellence. The curriculum office, including the director of curriculum and the coordinator for math and science, worked together with teachers, principals, the technology coordinator and other administrators to ensure that the PreK-12 curriculum has clear expectations for each grade, builds sequentially from grade to grade and school to school, and provides students with the proficient skills they need for higher education and future careers. Textbooks and instructional materials were updated to keep pace with changes in information and current theories of effective teaching practice. Local, state and national assessments were used to identify student-learning needs and evaluate the effectiveness of the district's educational program. Professional development for teachers, administrators, and others was offered to ensure that best teaching practices are used throughout the district.

## Student Achievement

### MCAS

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science and Technology/Engineering (STE) were administered in Spring 2007 to students in grades 3 through 10. In 2007, the district made some of its strongest overall gains in recent years.

Of the sixteen tests that had been previously administered, students improved their performance on twelve tests. Many tests posted an increase of 10 percentage points or more in students scoring at the Proficient or Advanced level. Student MCAS results are reported in the four categories of Warning/Failing, Needs Improvement, Proficient, and Advanced. The largest gains were made in Mathematics, where students increased the percent scoring Proficient or higher in all grades, with some grades increasing as much as twelve to sixteen percentage points. Grades 5 and 7 English Language Arts and grade 5 Science and Technology/Engineering also had large increases. Declines in scores, of 1-4 percentage points, were seen in English Language Arts in grades 3, 4, 6, and 10. Two new tests were added this year, namely grade 9 Introductory Physics and grade 10 Biology. The percent of students scoring at each level of the 2007 state assessments is shown in the following table. The number of percentage points increased or decreased from 2006 to 2007 is given where applicable.

Subject Grade	Advanced % of Students	Proficient % of Students	Needs Improvement % of Students	Warning/Failing % of Students	2006-07 Change in % Proficient/Advanced
English 3	9	45	34	12	-2
English 4	9	46	32	13	-1
English 5	8	51	30	11	+8
English 6	5	60	29	5	-4
English 7	5	66	24	6	+10
English 8	8	65	20	8	+2

English 10	8	48	36	7	-3
Math 3	20	48	17	14	+16
Math 4	15	35	37	13	+5
Math 5	15	33	31	22	+9
Math 6	23	26	32	18	+12
Math 7	7	33	34	25	+14
Math 8	12	26	30	32	+4
Math 10	28	34	29	9	+6
Science 5	16	43	27	14	+13
Science 8	4	30	47	19	+2
Physics 9	7	29	40	24	NA
Biology 10	0	22	32	46	NA

Overall, Westport scores below the state average on MCAS testing. Students were below the state in percentage scoring Proficient or higher on thirteen tests and above the state on five of the tests. For all but three tests, the scores ranged from eight points above state average to seven points below. High school English Language Arts, Introductory Physics and Biology, however, were more significantly below the state average. Curriculum office staff, principals and teachers analyze the test results annually and plan and implement changes in curriculum and instruction to improve performance.

Students must pass the grade 10 MCAS tests in both English Language Arts and Mathematics to attain the Competency Determination, which is required for a high school diploma in Massachusetts. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of Westport's 10<sup>th</sup> graders attained the Competency Determination on their first attempt, an increase from a state average of 85% last year and compared to a state average of 85%. Beginning with the class of 2010, students also need to attain the Competency Determination in Science before graduation. Seventy-six percent (76%) of Westport ninth graders accomplished this on their first attempt.

### National Standardized Testing

The district annually administers the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) in reading, language and mathematics to students in grades 2-8 and the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED) to students in grade 9. The results compare Westport students in general to students nationally and also provide teachers and parents with information about the achievement of individual students. In 2006, students scored at or above the national average in every grade and subject area with the exception of grade 9 mathematics. (The national average is a score of 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on a scale of 1-100) Results for 2006 are shown in the following table.

<b>ITBS/ITED</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
Grade 2	65%ile	54%ile	58%ile
Grade 3	68%ile	51%ile	55%ile
Grade 4	69%ile	55%ile	64%ile
Grade 5	74%ile	71%ile	68%ile
Grade 6	62%ile	59%ile	63%ile
Grade 7	64%ile	59%ile	61%ile
Grade 8	59%ile	56%ile	56%ile
Grade 9	54%ile	50%ile	46%ile
National Average	50%ile	50%ile	50%ile

To measure the aptitude of students for language, mathematics and spatial reasoning, the district administered the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to students in grades 1, 3 and 5. At all grade levels, students scored at or above national averages.

## Curriculum and Instruction

In Kindergarten through Grade 12, up-to-date district – developed curriculum guides are in use for all of the core academic subjects, and continue to be reviewed and amended as needed. All curricula are aligned to the standards of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

A District Curriculum Council with a broad membership of teachers, administrators and parents, met during the year to oversee the five-year cycle for review and revision of curriculum. The Council also adopted a curriculum calendar that specifies when each curriculum area will undergo comprehensive evaluation and revision. Individual Curriculum Leadership Teams in English, math, history and social science, and science and technology/engineering, met monthly to evaluate the curriculum of their own subject areas. The teams are comprised of teachers and administrators from all levels, as well as community representatives.

Improving reading and writing across all curriculum areas was an important emphasis of curriculum work in the past year, with both the middle and high schools receiving grants from the MA Department of Education for this purpose. Schools began to introduce the reading and writing workshop model as an instructional approach that promotes more student discussions, group work, and responsibility as independent learners. To further the instructional program, the district added a reading specialist and a new math tutoring program to the middle school.

The district committed thousands of dollars to updating textbooks for use in the 2008 school year. New mathematics texts were purchased for middle school students in grades 7 and 8 and for high school students in Algebra I, Pre-Calculus and Calculus. The new textbooks will enable the middle school to offer Algebra I to eighth graders for the first time. The Physical Science classes at the high school also received new textbooks. In addition, the Elementary School made use of new maps and globes, grade 3 social studies texts, and hands-on science kits purchased at the end of last school year. Schools increased the use of new technologies for instruction, adding graphing calculators and science probes and accessing more resources online. For example, students were given at home access to the MCAS-preparation program *Study Island*, which helped to boost the district's MCAS math scores.

## Professional Development

The schools had 5 full days and 2 half-days of regularly-scheduled professional development for staff this year, for a total of more than 36 hours of professional learning within the contractual year, all aimed at supporting quality teaching in the district. Teacher and administrators had additional opportunities to plan, share ideas and engage in professional development during after-school sessions, summer institutes, grade-level meetings and common planning times. Integration of technology into the curriculum is a priority throughout the professional development program. Such professional development efforts helped to ensure that district teachers rank as highly qualified according to state guidelines.

During workshops at the Macomber Primary and Westport Elementary schools, teachers began to change the writing curriculum to make it more engaging and to teach students how to make their writing more organized, interesting and informative to others. Other professional development focused on assessing primary reading, setting up literacy centers, understanding students' mathematical thinking, using technology and primary sources to teach social studies, applying an inquiry approach to teaching science, and analyzing MCAS results and other assessment data to improve student achievement. With ongoing support of the Technology Department, Macomber teachers improved assessments, report cards, and use of scoring rubrics in preparation for their important National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation visit.

Westport Middle School is engaged in a major initiative to improve reading in all content areas through a coherent program of professional development. Teachers learned new reading strategies by attending a summer institute and by participating in a study group during the school year. They also began a program of observing in each other's classrooms to see the new approaches being implemented. All staff completed a three-part workshop series, entitled "Looking at What the Skillful Teacher Does in the School and Classroom," on principles of effective teaching, which was presented by Research for Better Teaching. A summer institute in mathematics was also well attended.

At Westport High School, improving reading in all subject areas was also a focus, with teachers researching

content area reading strategies through a graduate course offered at the high school and learning from each other during professional day workshops in which they shared their best practices. Other professional development addressed ways to raise student performance to a proficient level, as new state guidelines require proficiency in English and math in order to receive a high school diploma. The high school continued its focus on the increased use of rubrics as scoring guides to communicate expectations to students.

Teachers, administrators and paraprofessionals were given opportunities to attend courses and workshops provided by colleges, universities and outside organizations, with the district helping to subsidize the expense. Teachers and administrators attended the course "Studying Skillful Teaching", offered in the district by the well-respected Research for Better Teaching organization.

### Grant Funded Programs

The Curriculum Office pursued competitive grant funding, in conjunction with principals and other administrators, which resulted in more than \$100,000 in new funds awarded by the MA Department of Education. In Fall 2006, a grant of \$59,000 was received to support a high school alternative education program for dropout prevention. A Secondary Reading Grant of \$22,000 was awarded to the Middle School and High School. A grant of more than \$20,000 was received to fund a 2007 summer school program to help students in danger of failing the grade 10 MCAS testing. "Project Invention," an after-school program for students, was funded by the Southeast Alliance Pipeline in collaboration with Bridgewater State College.

### Closing Statement

The Curriculum Office looks forward to continued collaboration with teachers, administrators, parents and members of the broader school community to make Westport's educational program outstanding in the region.

Harbormaster Richard Earle, Town Administrator Michael Coughlin,  
Garth Patterson from Representative Barney Frank's Office and

Officials from the Army Corps of Engineers Responsible for Harbor Dredging Project

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Ralph Tripp, III, Director**  
**2006 - 2007**

The Special Education Department of Westport Community Schools continues to provide both academic and ancillary support for our students who require specialized instruction. Providing services in the least restrictive environment and establishing high expectations for all students is the mandate established by the district per state and federal law.

During the 06/07 school year, a pre-vocational/vocational program was established at Westport High School. The program was designed to assist students in developing work skills that are necessary for students to be successful in the world of work.

The WePAC (special needs parent advisory group) continues to be an active venue for parents to learn about various special education issues and share both successes and concerns with other parents.

The December 2006 Student Information Management System (SIMS) reported 310 special needs students. This enrollment includes 9 students placed in schools outside of Westport. These students are diagnosed with severe/low incident disabilities. These students' disabilities cannot be addressed within Westport Community Schools in such a way that allows them to make adequate yearly progress. It continues to be the intent, wherever possible, to return students to their own town. This requires careful planning and sufficient funding in order to develop appropriate programming that allows for the success of the student.

In Westport, a variety of programs are in place to address the individual needs of students with special needs. These programs range from addressing minor articulation issues to serving children with global special needs. Global needs refer to deficits in a number of areas, which seriously impact on a child's ability to access the regular curriculum. With these children, as with all students requiring special education, teachers must use specialized teaching techniques.

At the Macomber Primary School the preschool and kindergarten classrooms provide a wonderful learning environment. Students learn how to interact with other students, follow directions, and develop motor, cognitive, and play skills. A major part of this curriculum is the development of language skills. This part of the curriculum concentrates on how students process language. This is one of the most important areas provided to students and is vital to other learning. Services for all students with special needs are reflected in their individual education plan (IEP's). The IEP is developed by a team of parents, teachers, and education specialists based on evaluations and reports from other providers.

The Westport Elementary School, Westport Middle School and Westport High School develop services for students in both small group and inclusion settings. Students with issues revolving around social issues are assigned to our small group classrooms. In this atmosphere, students work on academics and behavioral issues. Our inclusion classrooms give students the opportunity to work with both a certified regular education and a certified special education teacher. This allows students to keep up with the curriculum and at the same time provide one on one group instruction if required.





# **INFORMATION SERVICES**

## **Elizabeth Lewis, Technology Coordinator**

### **2006 - 2007**

### General Statement

The world is evolving into a place where technology skills and understanding are necessary for almost all jobs and basic functioning in society. We see it as crucial to begin the process of building those skills throughout all grade levels in the district. Therefore, providing students and faculty with access to working and current technology, and integrating technology skills into the curriculum, continue to be the primary focus of the school system.

### School Programs and Facilities

In order to provide students with the opportunity to use technology to promote such skills as critical-thinking, communication, collaboration, and information literacy, students and teachers must be provided with access. During the 2006-2007 school year, the schools enjoyed the benefit of some infrastructure upgrades that were completed at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Improvements in the system allowed for a more robust network within the high school and between the schools. In addition, a fiber optic wire was run during this past summer at the elementary school, connecting the two halves of the building with a more stable internal backbone. These upgrades will support current and emerging 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies. The fiber loop that was installed increased bandwidth and provides high-speed connections between the schools and Town offices, as well as the potential for video or other communication technologies. In addition, Internet access capacity was essentially doubled and can support expansion.

The district continues to support at least one computer in every classroom. All of these computers are connected to large screen monitors. There are also LCD projectors available for classroom use in each school. The Macomber (PreK-K) and WES (Grades 1-4) classrooms have a two or three station computer-learning center in each classroom. The media centers in the elementary, middle, and high schools all have computers available for research. In addition, the middle school and high school have mobile (laptop) labs. Instructional student labs are also located in all but the Macomber school. A six-station teacher-training lab is also available in the district's technology suite. The district is essentially self-supporting in the repair and upkeep of technology equipment; it employs a full time network engineer and computer technician to support 650+ computers. Training and education support is provided by the district Educational Technology Coordinator, Library-Media Specialists (WHS, WMS), and school-based technology mentors. In addition, the computer labs at the elementary and middle schools are staffed by instructional technology teachers.

As part of the district's reporting to the Department of Education, the technology review includes a report of the quantity of the different types of computers within the district. The data for this inventory is based on computer specifications developed in 2004. New hardware standards are expected to be published for the next reporting period that will significantly decrease the percentage of type A and B computers that are reported by Westport Community Schools. The state has set up three categories of computers; again, these specifications were written in 2004:

- Type A computers are defined as: "Multimedia computers capable of running virtually all current software, including the latest high-end video and graphics programs." They must have 256 MB RAM or higher and have a Pentium 4 (or equivalent) or Macintosh G4 or G5 processor.
  - 46% of the district's computer inventory meets this standard.
- Type B computers are defined as: "Multimedia computers capable of running most software except for the latest video and graphic programs." They must have from 128 to 256MB of RAM and a Pentium 3 (or equivalent) or Macintosh G3 processor.



- 50% of the district's computer inventory meets this standard.
- Type C computers are defined as: "Multimedia computers capable of running most current productivity applications." These computers have less than 128 MB RAM and Have a Pentium 2 or are an Apple PowerPC 604e or lower processor.
- 4% of the district's computer inventory meets this standard.

Based on the number of instructional computers in the district, the Department of Education has publicly reported the Westport Community Schools to have the following ratios of students to computers:

- 7.88 students per type A computer
- 3.47 students per type A/B computer
- 3.35 students per any type computer

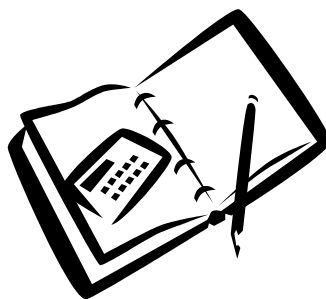
### Curriculum and Instruction

Professional development is a critical part of providing teachers with strategies to integrate technology into content area classrooms. The technology office works cooperatively with the curriculum office in order to offer professional development that promotes both technology and content area development. The Westport Community Schools has continued with the established mentoring model to promote best practices in the use of technology within the curriculum. This has been done through monthly help sessions, release time sessions, and in-school mentoring help. These sessions focus on combining the use of technology within a standards-based classroom and improving teacher technology competencies. In addition, teachers at the high school were provided with the opportunity to participate in an online workshop focusing on becoming familiar with Microsoft Office 2007 and integrating skills into their curriculum. Teachers are surveyed after each professional development workshop in an effort to provide trainings that meet identified needs.

Technology as a daily productivity tool continues to be a priority throughout the district. Teachers utilize electronic grade books to calculate and submit grades electronically. This accurately streamlines the process of providing feedback on academic progress to parents, students, and faculty. In addition, teachers use productivity software to create materials for their classes. Teachers at the Macomber school worked with the curriculum and technology offices to develop spreadsheets to assist them in assessing student progress; the data they collect is then distributed to parents in the form of a standards-based report card. At a district level, a variety of technologies are used to facilitate the evaluation of test data and assist in targeting areas of need within the curriculum.

### Closing Statement

Information and communications technology (ICT) literacy is an essential component of the educational process. As a school district, we are committed to providing students and teachers with opportunities to strengthen these skills, which are critically necessary for success in the rapidly changing age of information technology.



**TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**  
**Marc Furtado, Student Services Coordinator**  
**(through 7/31/07)**  
**2006 – 2007**  
**Compiled by Dr. Linda L. Galton, Superintendent**

Student transportation operated on two tiers, utilizing a total of 17 busses to manage 34 routes. Due to exceptional increases in demand for student transportation in 2006-07, all busses were transitioned from 71 passenger models to 77 passenger models. Also, video cameras were installed on all busses.

Middle and high school students were delivered to their respective schools on the earlier tier, while elementary and kindergarten students were delivered on the second, later tier.

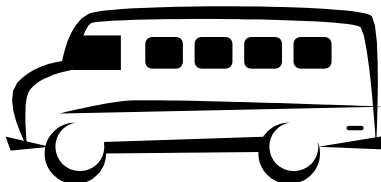
Tremblay's Bus Company, LLC provided the transportation services in the third year of a three-year contract. The cost of a 77-passenger bus per day was \$272.70.

Enos Bus Company of Westport, MA was the primary provider of special education transportation services in the first year of a three-year contract. An average of approximately 40 students were transported daily to both in-house and outside placements.

Total transportation expenditures were up by approximately \$54,500 due to increases in special education transportation costs, transporting homeless students per the McKinney-Vento Act, and regular transportation rate increases. These increases were partially offset by the use of approximately \$22,000 from the Transportation Revolving Account, funded through charging a transportation access fee of \$125 per year to students in grades 9-12.

**Transportation Financial Report**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Salaries	\$ 54,700	\$ 54,700
Regular Transportation	\$849,514	\$849,514
Special Needs Transportation	\$286,398	\$286,398
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,190,612</b>	<b>\$ 1,190,612</b>



## **FOOD SERVICES**

**Marc Furtado, Coordinator, Student Services Coordinator (ending July 2007)**

**Reported by Elisabeth Ostrye, Student Services Coordinator**

**(beginning October 2007)**

**2006 - 2007**

The Westport Community Schools' food services program is completely self-supporting, generating its revenue through meal sales, vending sales and subsidies and reimbursements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Massachusetts Department of Education (DOE).

Beyond funding the day-to-day operations, revenues from the lunch program are used to replace aging kitchen equipment and make other food-related improvements. All Westport schools participate in the National School Lunch Program, providing nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to Westport children during the year. School districts participating in the lunch program receive cash reimbursement and donated commodity foods from the USDA for each meal they serve. In return, schools must serve lunches that meet Federal nutrition requirements and they must offer free and reduced-price meals to eligible children. Part of that federal compliance requires adherence to a district Wellness Policy (effective September 2006).

Any child at our four schools may purchase meals. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent to the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals. During the year, our schools served 23,735 free and 10,631 reduced-price lunches. Applications for free or reduced-priced meals are available throughout the year from the principal and school nurse at all four Westport schools. The privacy of students who receive these meals is protected; their participation is anonymous. Meal costs at Westport schools are comparable to state and national averages: lunch at the high school and middle school is \$2.00 and \$1.75 at the elementary school and kindergarten. Reduced-price meals are \$0.40.

Although school lunches must meet Federal nutrition requirements, decisions about what specific foods to serve and how they are prepared are made by our local school food services staff. Meals at all Westport schools follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans: less than 30 percent of each meal's calories comes from fat, less than 10 percent from saturated fat. Each meal provides at least one-third of the recommended daily allowances for protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, calcium and calories. In addition to purchasing food from area vendors and receiving commodities from the USDA, our schools actively support local growers through the SEMAP Buy Fresh Buy Local consortium, buying fresh and/or organic seasonal fruits and vegetables.

During the 2006-07 year, our 15-member staff served 193,724 meals. Staff members participated monthly in food and industrial safety training, and all food preparation facilities and recordkeeping procedures were inspected monthly by a private compliance contractor. Facilities were also inspected at least twice annually by the Board of Health. Most staff members are ServeSafe and CPR certified.

Vending sales at Westport schools are confined to healthy, reduced-calorie snacks and beverages that meet the nutritional guidelines of our local Wellness Policy. The school district is a partner with Coca-Cola Bottling of New England, the exclusive provider of our bottled water, fruit and vegetable juices (our schools do not offer any soda products to students). In exchange, the company provides a \$6,500 stipend annually, which we use to finance curriculum efforts across the district.



### **Food Services Financial Report Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$58,011</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>\$661,796</b>
State Reimbursement	11,348
Federal Reimbursement	112,091
Earned Interest	2,780
Sales	535,577
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$649,601</b>
Salaries	297,361
Food	246,708
Structural Improvements and Equipment Acquisition	39,733
Maintenance, Repairs and Contracted Services	35,178
Supplies and Materials	29,552
Adult Meals State Tax	1,069
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 70,206</b>

# SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

## 2006 - 2007

### District Administration and Programs

Superintendent of Schools/Business Manager  
Director of Special Education  
Director of Curriculum, Testing & Professional Dev.  
Curriculum Coordinator – Math/Science  
Education Technology Coordinator  
Student Services Coordinator  
Supervisor of Maintenance & Facilities  
Supervisor of Facilities and Custodians  
Network Systems Engineer  
Computer Systems Technician  
Academic Support Services, Title I Director  
Executive Assistant for Human Resources  
Executive Assistant for Business Services  
Business Services Assistants

Superintendent's Secretary  
Clerical Staff

Maintenance & Facilities Assistant  
Maintenance Helper & Groundskeeper  
Courier/Custodian  
District Custodian  
School Committee Secretary  
School Physician

Dr. Linda L. Galton  
Ralph W. Tripp III  
Dr. Marjorie Condon  
Pamela Glass  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Marc Furtado  
Michael Duarte  
Kimberly Ouellette  
Jonathan Plourde  
Patricia Andreozzi/Robert Nogueira  
John DeFusco  
Joan Peternel  
Melissa Sousa  
Sheila Kenyon  
Lucy Hassey  
Maria Alves (LTS)/Karen Augusto  
Jennifer Hodges  
Helena Neves  
Bradley Freitas  
Peter Sarza  
Ernest Caroselli  
Paul Malenfant  
Dr. Linda Galton/Karen Augusto  
Dr. Dennis R. Callen

### Special Needs Programs

Speech Services (1-4)  
Reading Specialist  
Language Intervention Preschool  
Language Intervention Preschool Paraprofessional  
Early Elementary Developmental Teacher  
Elementary Developmental Teaching Assistant  
Occupational Therapist  
Physical Therapist

Kathleen Duffy  
Elizabeth King  
Linda Isaksen  
Claudette Alberto  
Renee Rego  
Joan Wood  
Renee Jones  
Susan Sherman

### Westport High School

Principal  
Assistant Principal Robert Wood  
Director of Guidance C. Stephen Collins  
Director of District Athletics/High School Activities  
English Teachers

Cheryl Tutalo

Gail Silvia  
Stephen Cook  
Patricia Kehoe  
Katie Cabral  
Erin Foley  
Harry Proudfoot  
Thomas Clark

Mathematics Teachers	Irene Barros Glenn Lincoln Debra August Dianne Rezendes Matthew Girard
Social Studies Teachers	Gus Cariglia Michael Roy Christopher Garth
Science Teachers	Katherine Silva Jane Dybowski Scott Atkinson Arlyn Bottcher Richard Simon Daniel Harrington
World Languages Teachers	Maira Greenon Caroline Pavao Edneuzia Farias
Visual & Performing Arts Teachers	David Allen (LOA 9/06-2/07) Cal Ellinwood Michael Davis Theresa Hadley
Guidance Counselors	Paul Amaral Melissa Sweeney
Adjustment Counselor	Mary-Jo Medeiros
Physical Education/Health Teacher	Celia daLuz Kristy Tripp
Music Teacher	Scott Frost
Business Teachers	Jean DeSouto Chester Millett Kevin Clark
Unified Media Specialist	Bridget Buckless
Special Needs	Joan Blake Joel Sullivan Elizabeth Megna Shannon McGuire Paul Bornstein Christopher Warren
Disciplinary Classroom	Leslie Ruel
Campus Supervisor	Carol Beaupre
School Nurse	Kelly Santos
Certified Nurse's Assistant	Sharlene Botelho
Administrative Executive Secretary	Deborah Dziedzic/Michelle Cairol
Student Services Clerk	Theresa Medeiros
Student Management Clerk	Patricia Amaral
Clerk/Receptionist	Vivan Sa
Teaching Assistant	Joanne Stokowski Natalia Silva Kimberly Perry Kathleen Cummings Heather Davis
Paraprofessional	Carol Sunderland
Food Service Staff	Nancy Little Karen Ferreira Maria Raposo Gail Menard Terry Pires
Custodial Staff	Jude Cateon James Pacheco
Robert	

## Westport Middle School

Principal

Assistant Principal

Mathematics Teachers, Grades 7-8

Social Studies Teachers, Grades 7-8

Mathematics/Science, Grades 7-8

Science Teachers, Grades 7-8

ELA Teachers, Grades 7-8

Reading Specialist

Grade 5-6 Teachers

Instructional Technology

Physical Education Teacher

Music Teachers

Art Teacher

Special Needs Resource Staff

Guidance/Psychologists

Health Teacher

School Nurse

Library Media Specialist

Teaching Assistants

Paraprofessional

Michael Caeton

Maral Souza

James Gibney

Ann Marie Dostou

Andrea Teixeira

Cheryl Rose

Herbert Andrews

Michael Borges

James O'Hara

Amy Dubois

Ned Stewart

Peter Holt

Suzanne Theriault

Elizabeth Dickinson

Jonathan Bernier

William Bernier

Nicole Bell-Dias

Nancy Tripp

Debra Janik

Frances Gilchrist

Trisha Paiva

Nicole Pereira

David Sullivan

Christine Carlile

Sue Ubiera

Cheryl Vieira

Nicole Fillion

Lauren Driscoll

Kelly Croft

Patricia Robichaud

Martha Delpape

Mark Robichaud

Amy Teixeira

Christopher Nunes

Holly Hayes

Alicia McGuire

Jeanne Rivard

Anne Clark

Linda Ferreira

Judy Gilbert

Andrea Medeiros

Darryl Murphy

Amanda Rebello

Diane Comeau

Kathleen Ryan

Sherry Michael

Marie Fallows

Constance Strauss

Annie Ellis

Janice Brightman

Paula Mello

Nicole Wooley

Jody Simmons

Nicholas Zammit

Kim Goncalo

Robin Blais

Donna Bedard

Annette Degagne

Administrative Executive Secretary  
Clerk/Receptionist  
Student Services Clerk  
Campus Supervisor  
Food Service Staff

Custodial Staff

Brenda Beaudry  
Mary Trepanier  
Vicky Darcy  
Jason Pacheco  
Kristina Silva  
Karen Arruda  
Teresa Soares  
Linda Souza  
Judith Alvares  
Patricia Sulyma  
Richard Mello  
Robert Joseph Cateon  
John Richard

### Westport Elementary School

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Grade 1 & 2 Teachers

Grade 1 & 2 Resource Teachers  
Grade 3 & 4 Teachers

Grade 3 & 4 SPED Teachers

Inclusion Teacher  
Music Teacher  
Art Teacher  
Physical Education Teacher  
Media Center  
Title I Reading  
Teaching Assistant

Paraprofessional

Alec Ciminello  
John Chellel, III  
Sandra Hague  
Amanda Melo  
Linda Eastwood  
Robin Kestenbaum  
Jodi Ferreira  
Aimee Rapoza  
Liz O'Hara  
Stacey Duquette  
Brenda Peixe  
Andrea Willard  
Marjorie Rowe  
Shelly D'Elia  
Kathleen Thibault  
Carolyn Pontes  
Patricia Lavalley  
Christine Staskiewicz  
Leah Chesney  
Mary France  
Paul Tetrault  
Elizabeth Boucher  
Andrew Cottrill  
Judy Jennings  
Susan Sullivan  
Kelly Araujo  
Kathleen Karl  
Sarah Sylvain  
Tracie Motta  
Catherine Shockro  
Janice Sutton  
Elizabeth Cote  
Carol Duby  
Nancy Mercier  
Melissa Avila  
Carolyn Lavalley  
Jorge Martinez  
Nadine Fournier  
Joan Wood  
Sandra Caya  
Lisa Rinker  
Sherry Amaral



Guidance Counselor

School Nurse

LPN

Administrative Executive Secretary

Clerk/Receptionist

Food Service Staff

Custodial Staff

Susan Harding  
MaryAnn Vincelette  
Lindsey Silva  
Brenda Squizzero  
Shirley Machado  
Sandra Mauk  
Elizabeth Bacchiocchi  
Kimberly Welty  
Cynthia Azevedo  
Rhonda Keyes  
Linda Maiocco  
Amy Arruda  
Janice Carvalho  
Donna Leary  
Lucia Ferreira  
Alice Hebert  
Normand Thibodeau  
Lori Bercier  
Casey Jones

Alice A. Macomber Primary School

Principal

Early Childhood Specialist

Kindergarten Teachers

Kindergarten Integrated Arts Specialist

Integrated Pre-school Teacher

Teaching Assistant

Paraprofessional

Paula Sullivan  
Michele Dunse  
Karen Lavenda  
Donna Edwards  
Jennifer Medeiros  
Ann Hathaway  
Melissa Parker  
Meagan Gioiosa  
Jane Dufault  
Karen Salva  
Cheryl Estrella  
Madaline Lesieur  
Claudette Alberto  
Susan Martin  
Michelle Rapoza  
Linda Liberty  
Lucy Cordeiro  
Suzanne Welch  
Christine Dias  
Jeanine Deveau  
Margaret Cardozo  
Lisa Lebreux  
Tammy Pimentel  
Tracy Pereira  
Judith Oliveira  
Suzanne Lemar  
Rose Sutcliffe  
Heidi Pierce  
Ray Cambra  
Mark Thibodeau

School Nurse

Administrative Executive Secretary

Student Services Clerk/Receptionist

Food Service Manager

Food Service Staff

Custodial Staff





**WESTPORT HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Graduation Exercises**  
**Class of 2007**



Class Valedictorian	Joseph Daniel Pelletier
Class Salutatorian	Kerrie Lynn DaSilva
Class President	Kerrie Lynn DaSilva
Certification of Class	Dr. Linda L. Galton

Brittini Rhima Alahmar  
Justin D. Alberaria\*  
Justin K. Alexandre  
Amber Lynn Amaral  
Jessica L. Ancil\*  
Christopher Assad  
Andrew Wade Audette  
Christopher M. Barnabe  
Arianne Aurore-Rose Baroody  
Amanda Joanne Bernier  
Bryant D. Bernier  
Nolan W. Blier  
Trevor D. Blier  
Alysha C. Blouin\*  
Nicole Boissonneault  
Ashley Borges  
Kayla Borges  
Nicole Marie Borges  
Victoria Ann Botelho  
Jessica Lyn Brown  
Andrew Calheta  
Bianca Lee Cardoza  
Brandon N. Cardoza\*  
Luke Carreiro\*  
Joshua Chouinard  
Kayla M. Correia  
Brittney Rose Corvelo  
Christopher J. Costa  
Jessica Lee Costa  
Brandon Clifford Costa  
Bianca Elsie Cusick  
Kerrie Lynn DaSilva\*  
Christopher J. Davis  
Paige M. DeSousa

Bethany Deveau  
Andrew Donald  
Joshua David Duclos\*  
Desiree Estacio Estrela  
Jennifer Elizabeth Farias\*  
Ashley Elizabeth Ford  
Alicia M. Gagnon\*  
Holly Justine Gauthier  
Nathan D. Glover  
Isaiah Gonsalves  
Jamie Lynn Grundy  
Leigh Grace Hammontree  
Danielle Kay Hernandez\*  
Shauna Jo-An Holewka  
Stephanie Lynn Jasinski  
Nadia Darling Jennings\*  
Brittney Kinnas  
Russell Lambert  
Andrew J. Lariviere  
Heather May Leach\*  
Cassandra Leite  
Natasha Lynn LePage  
Joshua Lopes  
Patrick B. Maccini  
Meaghanne L. Mahoney  
Lindsay Nicole Manchester  
John J. Marsden III\*  
Tiffany Martins  
Krystal Lynn McConnell  
Holly Michael-Savage  
Angela A. Morin  
Jessica R. Moss\*  
Timothy B. Nadeau  
Daniel James Noonan

Nicholas Anthony Onorato  
Andrew M. Orr  
Vanessa Marie Pacheco  
Radhika Atulkumar Patel  
Nichole E. Paul  
Cory Pavao  
Messias Pedro  
Joseph Daniel Pelletier\*  
Jesyka K. Phipps  
Sean Piva  
Justin Michael Pontes  
Ian Provost  
Kyle M. Raposo  
Holly Lynn Rebello\*  
Jessica Maria Rego\*  
Vanessa Ponte Reis  
Robyn Michelle Rodrigues  
Michael Alfred Semenech  
Christina Lee Sherman  
Jared David Silvia  
Sarah Anne Simonin  
Taylor Souza  
Cory David Sunderland  
Dominic Fiore Tavano  
Samuel E. Teixeira\*  
Kyle Christopher Therrien  
Daniel E. Toohey  
Daniel Thomas Trenholme  
Jared R. Vandenberg  
Luis Vultao  
Shayna Miriam Weakley  
Tyler White  
James Stephen World

\* National Honor Society Members

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## Book Awards

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Harvard Book Award  
Wellesley Book Award  
University of Massachusetts Book Award

Allison Gazdik  
Cherilyn Cabral  
Brendan Levesque

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## Academic Awards

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President's Award for Educational Excellence

Joseph Pelletier, Alicia Gagnon,  
Brandon Cardoza, Kerrie DaSilva,  
Kayla Correia, Danielle Hernandez,  
Jessica Rego, Alysha Blouin,  
Justin Albergaria, Nadia Jennings,  
Jessica Moss, Holly Rebello,  
Luke Carreiro, Jessica Anctil,  
Nolan Blier, Victoria Botelho,  
Trevor Blier, Heather Leach,  
John Marsden, Bianca Cusick

President's Award for Educational Achievement

Joshua Duclos, Samuel Teixeira,  
Daniel Trenholme, Jennifer Farias,  
Patrick Maccini, Andrew Lariviere,  
Daniel Toohey, Ariane Baroody,  
Ashley Borges, Brittney Corvelo,  
Sarah Simonin, Michael Semenec,  
Luis Vultao, Amanda Bernier,  
Jesyka Phipps, Isaiah Gonsalves,  
Justin Alexandre, Bethany Deveau,  
Leigh Hammontree, Brittini Alahmar,  
Joshua Chouinard

Principal's Leadership Award

Kerrie Lynn DaSilva

Good Citizenship Award

Kerrie Lynn DaSilva

The Phoenix Award

Joshua Lopes

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## Academy Awards

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### Academy of Mathematics & Sciences

Mathematics  
Science  
Health & Physical Education

Joseph Pelletier  
Brandon Cardoza, Danielle Hernandez  
Isaiah Gonsalves

### Academy of Liberal Arts

Journalism

Literary Magazine Award

English

Spanish

French

Portuguese

Social Studies

Kerrie Lynn DaSilva

Alysha Blouin

Joseph Pelletier

Heather Leach

Joseph Pelletier

Jessica Rego

Joseph Pelletier

### Academy of Visual & Performing Arts

Fine Arts

Music

Photography

Multimedia

Video Broadcasting

Bianca Cusick, Joshua Duclos

Andrew Donald

Justin Alexandre

Nolan Blier, Trevor Blier

Lindsay Manchester

### Academy of Business & Technologies

Information Technology

Computer Applications

Accounting

Management

Personal Finance

Luis Vultao

Lindsay Manchester

Luke Carreiro

Amanda Bernier

Isaiah Gonsalves

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<b>Scholarships</b>
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Blue Heron Classic Scholarship `	\$200.ea	Kerrie Lynn DaSilva, Heather May Leach
Kenneth Michael Candeias Memorial	\$250.ea	Jessica Anctil, Samuel Teixeira
Westport River Watershed Alliance	\$500.ea	Jessica Rego, Cory Sunderland
Harold S. Wood Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000. (\$500 per yr)	Brandon Cardoza
Police Officers of Westport Alliance	\$500.	Alysha Blouin
Donna L. Moreira Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.ea	Samuel Teixeira, Leigh Hammontree
Holly Martin Memorial Scholarship	\$300.	Holly Rebello
Vietnam Veterans of America- Chapter 207	\$500.	Heather Leach
Westport Art Group	\$500.ea	Joshua Duclos, Bianca Cusick
Lisa Branco Bellavance Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000.	Krystal McConnell
Westport Fair Scholarship	\$500.ea	Samuel Teixeira, Jessica Anctil,

Head of Westport Fire Association	\$500.ea	Brandon Cardoza Samuel Teixeira, Alicia Gagnon
Westport Portuguese American Civic League	\$800.ea	Desiree Estrella, Krystal McConnell, Samuel Teixeira
Westport Woman's Club	\$500.ea	Jessica Anctil, Daniel Noonan, Jessica Rego,
In Memory of Phyllis Sieminski		Joshua Duclos, Alicia Gagnon Holly Rebello
Grimshaw – Gudewicz Scholarship	\$1,000.ea	Amber Amaral, Sarah Simonin, Nolan Blier, Jesyka Phipps, Trevor Blier
Westport Music Boosters	\$300.ea \$225.ea \$150.	Joshua Duclos, Brandon Cardoza Alysha Blouin, Heather Leach Brittini Alahmar
Amanda Lee Tripp Memorial Scholarship	\$500.ea	Justin Alexandre, Amber Amaral, Dominic Tavano, Christopher Costa
Elton W. Brightman Scholarship	\$1,000.	Cory Sunderland
L'Association Francophone de Fall River	\$150.	Joseph Pelletier
Curtis W. Tripp Memorial Scholarship	\$300.	Andrew Orr
Dorothy W. Smith Scholarship Fund	\$1500.	Kerrie Da Silva
Westport Alumni Association	\$100.ea	Jessica Anctil, Samuel Teixeira
Clyde T. & Yvonne Salisbury Memorial Scholarship	\$300.ea	Dan Toohey, Dominic Tavano, Nichole Paul, Meaghanne Mahoney, Stephanie Jasinski, Isiah Gonsalves, Jessica Brown, Cassandra Leite, Justin Alexandre, Andrew Lariviere, Jessica Rego, John Marsden
Mid-City Steel Scholarship	\$1,000.	Heather Leach
Sylvan Scholarship/Van Sloun Foundation	\$1,000. (per yr / 4yrs)	Alicia Gagnon

Betsey Taber Scholarship	\$1,000.ea	Alysha Blouin, Jessica Moss, Alicia Gagnon, John Marsden, Joshua Duclos
	\$700.	
Luther B. Bowman Scholarship	\$500.ea	Holly Rebello, Sarah Simonin, Andrew Lariviere, Jessica Brown, Justin Alexander, Stephanie Jasinski, Dominic Tavano, Meaghanne Mahoney
Massachusetts Elks Scholarship	\$700. \$600.	Brandon Cardoza Alicia Gagnon
Potter Funeral Service Award	\$300.ea	Krystal McConnell, Vanessa Reis
New England Institute of Technology Book Awards	\$2,930.ea	Kyle Therrien, Sean Piva
Brie Chandanais Memorial Scholarship	\$500.	Jesyka Phipps
Kenneth Thibault Memorial Scholarship	\$500.ea	Justin Albergaria, Kyle Therrien
Portugese American Social Club of Dartmouth Inc.	\$400.	Krystal McConnell
St. Anne's Credit Union	\$1,000.	Brandon Cardoza
Westport Historical Society	\$100.	Jessica Brown
Janice Migneault Memorial Scholarship	\$500.	Jennifer Farias
Westport Permanent Firefighters Association	\$1,000.ea	Samuel Teixeira, Alysha Blouin
PAWHS-PTA Service Award Scholarship	\$250	Jessica Rego
Lt. Richard Parker Memorial Scholarship	\$250.	Jessica Moss
Matthew T. Benoit Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500. \$1,500.ea	Jennifer Farias Krystal McConnell, Daniel Noonan
Community Services Memorial Fund/ In Memory of Ray Araujo	\$250.ea	Daniel Noonan, Justin Albergaria



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